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Oct. 10 - Mts of Mojave  
Desert - from air -  
no vegetation visible  
until rough country  
is reached near Cajon Pass.  
Then shading of brush  
on north slopes.

Orange groves in general  
Valley region - Puentes,  
Pomona & e. in very  
poor condition - dead  
twigs on almost all trees,  
some trees more dead  
than alive - great  
variation in condition  
between groves even  
side-by-side. some show  
little or no dead wood,  
others almost gone.

Wendell S. says that  
it is due to lack of care -  
that owners think land  
will be subdivided.  
But I don't think that is  
the answer except locally.

Santa Ynez Mts. from air -  
almost entirely chaparral  
covered except for forest in  
higher ravines. Erosion  
scars very prominent. Dry  
grass areas here and there. Pine forest  
on a few northern crests.



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1951

California

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2K

Oct. 14 - 2 miles south  
of Hughson  
cultivated sandy soil  
with marshy depression

33607 *Paspalum distichum*  
forming sod in marshy  
depression.

08 *Polygonum punctatum*  
in edge of marshy  
depression

09 *Helianthus annuus*  
occasional in cultivated  
irrigated ground.

10 *Eragrostis*  
rare in irrigated ground.

11 *Lotus americanus*  
common in irrigated  
ground and on ditch banks.

12 *Digitaria sanguinalis*  
common in irrigated  
cultivated ground

13 *Heliotropium*  
occasional in cultivated ground

Stanislaus Co.

3

30 m.

culms ascending from  
decumbent base, spikes  
laterally compressed;  
not eaten readily by cattle.  
stems ascending,  
slightly reddish;  
flowers greenish-white.  
herbs up to 0.8 m. tall,  
branched, all leaves narrow;  
rays bright yellow, disk  
very dark ~~for~~ brown.

large very bushy  
tangled herb, several  
stems from base; flowers  
pinkish white. Useful in  
stabilizing ditch banks;  
cattle do not eat it green,  
but will as hay.  
culms ascending,  
eaten reluctantly by cattle.

prostrate, very glaucous,  
leaves fleshy; flowers  
purplish white, purple  
in center; nutlets not  
at all swollen & fleshy.







1951 Johnston I.

Oct. 22 - brief visit  
for refueling.

*Casuarina equisetifolia*  
has reached at least 25' tall  
in residence area.

Large plants (2-3 m) of  
*Calophyllum inophyllum*,  
*Terminalia catappa*, *Hibiscus*  
*tiliaceus*, *Thespesia populnea*  
around base buildings.  
The *Hibiscus*, and esp. the *Terminalia*  
are slightly somewhat chlorotic.

~~most~~ All sloping surfaces,  
such as bank shelter,  
etc. quite covered by a  
blanket of vegetation,  
*Boerhaavia*, *Cenchrus*, *Elenus*,  
*Tribulus* etc. Flat surfaces  
mostly kept clean.

Many weeds, *Portulaca oleracea*,  
*Euphorbia hypericifolia*, etc.  
around bases of buildings.  
*Pluchea odorata* common  
but not as in 1946. *P. indica*  
common. One coconut  
seedling seen.

*Pluchea odorata* common  
locally. *Euphorbia*  
*heterophylla* seen but not  
collected. Apparently  
does not compete well with  
*Messerschmidia*.

1951 Wake I.

Oct. 23 - Around Pan Am.  
airport.

Vegetation largely a  
scrub of *Messerschmidia*  
*argentea*, not more  
than 2-3 m. tall. Some  
open areas are pure  
stands of *Fimbristylis*,  
occasionally of *Ipomoea*  
*tuba*, which also  
climbs over bushes.

Weeds found around  
roads and buildings,  
*Cenchrus* most common,  
forming pure patches.  
*Heliotropium* common -  
dimorphism not  
evident, but little  
time was spent  
examining it.

*Fimbristylis cymosa*  
seems to colonize the  
most extreme habitats,  
such as the edges of  
the airstrips.

Some marshy depression,  
perhaps artificial, along  
airstrip away from  
terminal.

One plover seen. Thickly  
scattered billowy cumulus  
clouds, one light shower  
at 5 p.m.

No coconuts except seedlings.



Oct. 23 - around Pan-American  
Terminal

Disturbed ground around  
installations, coral gravel.

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*Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don  
climbing over bushes

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1 15 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.f.) Johns b.  
dominant plant in scrub  
vegetation

2 16 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) K.  
occasional in scrub vegetation

2 17 *Dactyloctenium aegyptium* (L.) Richt.  
local on roadside

2 18 *Euphorbia*  
common locally along roadside

19 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R. Br.  
very common on bare ground

1 20 *Portulaca oleracea* L.  
occasional on bare ground

1 21 *Pluchea odorata* (L.) Cass.  
locally abundant around  
air strips, rare near terminal

2 22 *Euphorbia*  
occasional in edges of scrub

1 23 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn.  
occasional around buildings

1 24 *Cenchrus echinatus* L.  
common, abundant locally

2 25 ~~Helio~~ *Heliotropium anomalum* H. & A.

extensive vine; flowers  
white, closed in late  
afternoon.

shrub 2 m. tall; leaves  
~~flower~~ fleshy; flowers  
white, fragrant.

rounded shrub 1 m. tall,  
flowers white.

dense small tufts,  
culms prostrate.

erect, up to 0.8 m. tall;  
flowers white.

dense small tufts.

prostrate, stems and  
leaves fleshy, bronze color.

sterile bush 1 m. tall,  
aromatic.

plants erect, arching at  
tips; flowers white.

common in bare places  
and openings in scrub,  
prostrate to erect, then 6 m.  
tall; flowers white with  
yellow tube, with honey fragrance



- 33626 *Boerhavia ~~repens~~ diffusa* Fast. f.  
 3 very common
- 2 27 *Lepturus repens* (Fast. f.) R. Br. v  
 occasional
- 2 28 *Euphorbia hirta* L. v  
 local on bare ground

Ost. 23 - Two Jima  
 disturbed ground  
 around airport installation

1 29 *Chenopodium inflatum* Link.  
 abundant

forming mats on bare  
 ground, prostrate.  
 dense tufts

erect, arching at tips.

erect, inflorescence  
 purplish.



Oct. 23 Mountains between  
Odawara and Lake  
Hakone

Steep slopes covered  
by scrub of *Dicranella*  
with plantations of  
*Cryptomeria* and *Thuja*.  
Some beech and other  
broad-leaved trees <sup>and pines</sup> in  
canyons and on slopes.  
Upland gentler slopes  
and rolling country near Lake  
grass-covered, largely  
uncultivated. Grass  
rather coarse. Some  
of grassland planted  
irregularly to trees.  
These uplands not at all  
thickly populated, while

Oct. 23 Coast bet. Katase and  
Chigasaki, Koza-gun, Kanagawa Pref.

Dunes of dark gray sand  
largely planted to a 2-needled  
pine. These plantations not

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*Diindia tenax*

abundant on bare sand

steeper canyons leading  
up to them are very  
thickly beset with houses.  
A large *Helaginella* of  
a prickly sort is  
conspicuous on moist  
rocks and cliffs.

This whole mountain  
mass is of mixed pyro-  
clastic material - ash  
& tuff and volcanic breccia  
and lava flows, a  
part of the Fujiyama  
mass.

Erosion pattern is  
narrow vertical walled  
ravines and canyons.  
Lake Hakone is result of  
damming a canyon by a  
great landslide.

at all healthy - looking  
on flat parts, stunted  
and yellowish, but on  
dune ridges several times  
larger and dark green.



Nov. 3 - near Sakura,  
Chiba Peninsula,

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*Missanthus*

abundant on steep road-  
cuts in deep alluvial  
soil.

Nov. 3 - near Sakura,  
rolling ground, intensively  
cultivated with truck  
crops. Surface soil  
very dark brown, almost  
black. Examined a  
profile here, in moist  
soil along roadside.  
Typical Ando brown rolling  
soil. A horizon dark brown, fluffy  
granular, silt-loam.

Nov. 3 - firing range  
~~near~~ about 2 1/2 mi. n.e. of Haramachi,  
Chiba Peninsula, ~~Honshu~~  
slightly irregular  
grassland with scattered  
pines, small scattered  
shrubs.

1 32

rare, local on bare soil in

2 33 *Valeriana*  
common in

1 34 *Cassia*  
local in

2 35 *Ligustrum*  
occasional in

~~Honshu~~

tangled masses, lower  
stems decumbent,  
fruiting culms ascending.

about 1 m. deep, under-  
lain, sharply by a B of  
yellow-brown silt-clay-  
loam, heavier but  
somewhat friable some-  
what plastic, this 1 m.  
~~depth~~ or more thick. A horizon  
about pH 8, abnormal for  
Ando series, but possibly  
due to dust from road (not too  
likely); B horizon sl. more acid.

Ando soil, profile examined  
with A horizon about 25 cm.  
thick, as in Samura profile  
but slightly acid. B horizon  
as in Samura profile,  
at least to 42" depth.

erect, fruits maroon purple

erect; flowers yellow,  
brown outside.

shrub 1 m. tall; fruit  
blue



33676 *Quercus*  
common shrub in

Nov. 6 - m. south of Kobe  
along the seacoast, (seen  
from train window)

Low coastal hills show  
rather conspicuous  
erosion.

*Pittosporum tobira* growing  
spontaneously along cuts  
and eroded places.

*Miscanthus* common  
in waste spots at low  
alts.

Rice culture general.  
Rice being harvested. Fields  
f. vary from still somewhat  
green to completely ripe,  
harvested, in some cases  
even threshed. Dried by hanging.

Dwarf bamboo one of the  
commonest weeds. (several species)

A gnarled small pine  
with an almost black  
trunk is locally common,  
mostly on low hills.

The plains are almost  
entirely in rice, except for  
some truck crops.

shrub 1 m. tall, one dry  
fruit found in leaf axil  
(certainly belongs to this plant).

Hills around Kobe <sup>south of</sup> Himeji  
brushy and with some  
small forest of pine,  
erosion scars and  
quarry scars common.  
Only lowest slopes  
usually cultivated,  
some indications of  
terracing above but  
apparently abandoned.  
Small villages, with  
gray-tiled roofs very  
common, 3-5 in sight  
at a glance from train window  
in flat valley bottoms.  
Transitions from hills to  
flats very abrupt.

South of Himeji -

Extensive rice fields.  
As mts are approached  
typical landscape is  
flat valley bottoms, ~~surrounded~~  
~~surrounded~~ by planted  
to rice, ~~with~~ surrounded  
by abrupt steep wooded  
small mountains,  
the wood ~~also~~ pine  
in places, scrubby  
deciduous in others.



Taller near bases of hills and in ravines, bamboos abundant in many places near bases of hills. Villages lining the edges of the valleys against the bases of the hills, in places almost continuously. Roofs generally of gray tile but many well done straw-thatch ones, the thatch very compact and 6-12" thick. *Diospyros kaki* very common around houses.

Ridge tops and steepest slopes covered by a thin scrub, ground showing through. Erosion scars less common. Some bare rock cliffs.

As somewhat greater altitudes are reached (700' approx) other conifers begin to appear. Flat valleys become smaller and less common.

Near Mantomi - much rice, but also other crops. What appears to be either mulberry or ramie, growing approx. 1-1.5 m. tall, single finger thickness stems.

Several other things dried in same manner by hanging,

as is rice. Persimmons dried by hanging tied in strings on walls of sunny sides of houses.

South of

West of Kurashiki the landscape changes somewhat. The hills are more gently sloping and cultivated in places to the tops, though there are patches of woods, mainly pine. Flats rice-covered. Higher hills more inland steep and wooded. A red-trunked pine is more common here than the gray-trunked one.

Citrus first noticed west of Fukuyama a few miles. Limes are common in garden-size patches here, too. Citrus on slopes.

Terracing in Onomichi area done in fashion that merely reduces slope, does not eliminate it. Walls with gentler slopes above them.



Near Yoshino

*Robinia pseudoacacia* common on r. cuts.

Potatoes commonly cult. east of here much rice is cultivated apparently without irrigation or with very little, on small terraces.

Palms (*Trachycarpus*?) occasional ~~common~~ all along this coast.

Forests on slopes mainly pine but with some deciduous trees, these just beginning to change color.

*Eriobotrya* very common.

Terracing intensive from here toward Hiroshima.

Many terraces irrigated by a small ditch on the upper side, at foot of wall of next terrace. Terraces mostly somewhat sloping.

Up the bay from Kure the hills become steep and rocky. The sides are mostly cliffs. But even here, in residual patches of soil, are tiny terraces devoted to gardens. The soil is fine and very light colored. Even on the lower

slopes this ~~soil~~ is so shallow that the terraces cannot be more than a foot or two wide.

West of Hiroshima bamboo is abundant, but much of it seems to be in a dying condition. Pine dominates the landscape with bamboo an important minor feature.

Somewhat south<sup>west</sup> of Hiroshima, near Ino, I thought I saw a slope covered by *Gleichenia linearis* (vel aff.) but could not be certain.

South of Iwakuni the bamboo also seems yellow and dry. But could it be merely deciduous?



Nov. 8 - Fukuoka

33637 *Rhus*2 in fence row under pines  
on university campus3 38 *Solidago japonica* Kitamura  
under pines on university campus3 39 *Litsea sieboldii*  
on wooded sea-cliffs2 40 *Cryptobalanopsis glauca*  
in park3 41 *Cayratia japonica*  
in small thicket under  
pines on university campus

Pines are the dominant trees  
in Fukuoka, everywhere  
where there is not solid  
built city. Mainly "red pine"  
*Pinus thunbergii*. ("Black pine"  
is *P. densifolia*. <sup>Bark</sup> Frunk of red  
pine may be black or red.)

shrub 1 m. tall, leaves  
turning orange-red.

erect, flowers yellow.

tree 8 m. tall; flowers  
dull yellow.

small tree 6 m. tall.

vine climbing into  
small trees.



Nov. 9 - R.R. trip bet. Osaka and Tokyo - train window observations.

Mts. bet. Hikone and Gifu - steep rugged mountains with flat valleys between. (Country around Lake Biwa looks like old bed of lake now filled in & slightly elevated.)

Flat land devoted to rice culture. Harvesting now in full swing. These valleys thickly populated.

Mountains steep and abrupt in the southwestern part of this stretch, slopes becoming more gentle and relief softened northward.

Southward these hills are pine-clad. South of the middle Cryptomeria and ~~Chamaecyparis~~ <sup>Chamaecyparis</sup> obtusifolia appear and soon dominate the scene.

Cleared areas have a deciduous scrub that is changing color but this is planted with conifers which ~~are~~ soon overtop the broad-leaved trees and shrubs.

Plains around Ogaki vast, flat, and rice-covered.

E. of Ogaki in plain are occasional ponds, some of them red with azolla.

Broad sandy river-beds ~~are~~ confined by dykes have pioneer vegetation, occasional garden plots scattered in them.

*Ficus carica* common around dwellings.

Along the coast east of Nagoya are low hills of ~~alluvium~~ fine alluvium and some dunes.

These are mostly planted to pines, but some slopes have a dense scrub.

North of Hamamatsu the parts of these hills that cannot be terraced are covered by tea plantations. There are in small patches and the plants are mostly in low, dense, rounded box-like hedges - or low round ~~bushes~~ shoe-button-like ~~plants~~ single plants - seemingly kept picked back too low for comfort in harvesting.



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1951 Japan

The river-beds here  
are very broad  
with braided patterns,  
mostly gravel flats.

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Nov. 16-24 - Boat trip  
on direct course from  
Tokyo to Taongi

No living thing seen  
on the whole trip except  
a few flying fish after  
the fifth day.

Nov. 25 Taongi Atoll  
Inspected western islets  
through binoculars  
from  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or more,  
approached reef near  
boat passage at  
high tide to within  
50 yards.

South Islet - no vegetation  
visible. Islet quite  
rocky, mostly rock  
rather than sand, large

At the north end of  
the reef a row of large  
rocks visible from  
well south of center  
of west side, through  
glasses.

Pohaku Islet almost  
completely covered by  
Messerschmidia on  
lagoon side.

Southerly to southeasterly  
winds almost the  
entire trip. Sun only  
after third day.

sh. not identified - have white  
on top of heads, whitish  
wing bars (on top)

Frigate birds  
common, at least 25  
seen at one time.

Several fairy terns *Gygis alba*,  
and a pair of sooty  
terns, *Sterna fuscata*,  
flew around ~~boat~~ ship.  
One Dusky shearwater (?)  
Puffin *hermineri*.

skimming waves.  
Large flock of boobies  
*Sula* sp. & spp. fishing  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off shore.

One albatross, prob.  
Black-footed (*Diomedea*  
*nigripes*) flew by  
ship during morning.



Nov. 25 - in late afternoon followed south and east coast up to north end of Kamome Islet.

South Islet absolutely devoid of vegetation, but with large boulders, some light gray, others darker, two largest black, scattered abundantly. Impossible to tell if in place or thrown up by waves.

Pokaaku I. vegetation rather sparse but large *Messerschmidia* rather covering islet, apparently some *Scaevola*, but no small bushes.

Entire south and east coast <sup>all islets</sup> characterized by a high seaward ridge a boulder rampart, and by almost continuous beach-rock or raised reef-rock, appearing about 1 m high, variously worn away, cut into boulders here and there, and into mushroom shaped rocks on reef flat at bottom of beach.

Passes bet. two islets west of ~~by~~ *Sibylla* and *Sibylla* itself are filled till I don't think water would ever go over except in storms.

These, *Sibylla* and next one north are well vegetated by a loose cover of *Messerschmidia* and *Scaevola*, usually extending well down on outer side of seaward ridge, but in places this bare to top. A few large boulders or exposure of beach rock on top.

Large logs (Douglas fir?) here and there on beach.

Birds occasional or common in trees and coming in from s.w. or n. usually flying fast and close to waves (boobies and sooty terns). (One white booby with white tail seen, others unidentified.)

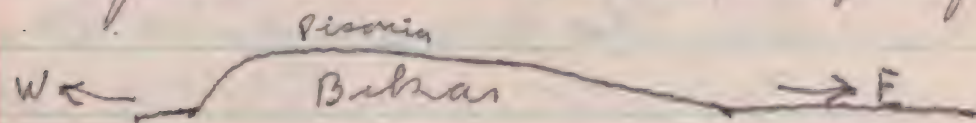
Kamome Islet veg. seems in poor cond. (light not good) islet is the bird rookery of the lot. - Millions of birds over it like a swarm of bees.



Nov. 26 - Approaching  
islet - met by 6 frigate  
birds with white  
heads (incl. top) and  
dark breasts, white  
belly and flanks, whitish  
band on upper wing  
coverts.

~~Small~~ *Sula sula* definitely  
ident.

All three larger islets,  
viewed from east, largely  
covered by *Pisonia* forest,  
one coconut seen on middle islet  
small grove on inner  
peninsula of Bikar I.,  
on this a belt of *Messerschmidia* outside *Pisonia*,  
a few *Acrotyla* at top of beach.



Many birds over all  
three islets.



Gag is very common.

Frigates here have white  
heads, rusty neck, esp. throat,  
black breast, a white  
patch on belly & flanks  
of varying size, sometimes

with white extension up  
into auripile, also prolonged  
backward almost to anal  
region. White bars on  
wing covert areas. Bill  
white.



Nov. 28 - Utirik I. - s. w. corner of island.

33644 *Baerhavia diffusa* v. *tetrandra*  
sparse coconut grove with  
clumps of *Scaevola*.

6 42 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R.Br.  
common ground cover  
in sparse coconut grove

5 43 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.f.)  
component of vegetation  
on recent sand bank

sky largely overcast, scattered showers,  
Hygr. reading 8:40 p.m.

Day 27° C Wet 26.5° C  
11:20 am. " 26° C " 26° C

Vial #1 - spiders on webs  
spun between clumps of  
bushes - orb weavers.

Vial #2 - misc. insects  
caught beating *Scaevola*

33645 *anemone*  
on sea anemone colonies just  
at low tide level on lagoon beach

5 46 *Caulerpa racemosa* (Forssk.) T.Ag. (det.)  
under and between broken  
dead coral rocks on rubble  
bar in lagoon at low tide mark

(Forsk.) Heim. prostrate to ascending,  
longer stems prostrate,  
flowers pinkish. Leaves  
stiff, brittle.

clumps, culms  
ascending

"dralij'man" or "derelij'man"

Johnst. shrub 2 m. tall. leaves  
fleshy, silvery green;  
flowers white, fragrant.

brisk tradewind.

About 50 yards out from  
high tide mark on the  
lagoon beach is a bar  
of rubble, cobble size and  
smaller, some boulders,  
evidently stripped from  
the narrow land strip  
by a storm and swept  
into lagoon - very little  
life except tiny sponges, a  
few algae, a few echinoderms,  
and many small crabs.

Taylor 1955) pale green, rhizome terete,  
peltate processes tending  
to be hemispherical.



Nov. 29 - Utirik Islet.

Open coconut groves with grass or *Tacca* ground cover. Many coconut and *Pandanus* trees knocked down by typhoon (said to have occurred March 1951).

Vial #3 bottom layer - spotted beetles in fungi (#33655) on dead *Pandanus* trunks, others and spiders on same trunks.

Vial #4 bottom layer and any very tiny ~~are~~ animals, any ants - in axils of dead lower leaves and green leaves just above them on *Pandanus tectorius*.

Vial #5 - bottom layer - fly larvae in wet decayed spot under ~~fungus~~ fungus (#33647) on fallen coconut trunk. Other animals - isopods, snails, under mat of ~~Thunaria~~ *Thunaria* at base of standing coconut tree.

Several fungi are conspicuous on the dead and even the living fallen trees.

Vial #3 top layer (Nov. 30)

Misc. on ground - isopod.

black ant running around (bites rather viciously). *Solenopsis* (?) attracted to food can. Big yellow ant living in thick vegetation in bottom of abandoned taro pit.

Vial #4 top layer (Nov. 30)

Coccinellids and long horned grasshopper, on *Messerschmidia* and *Scaevola* in scrub on outer part of island.



- 33647 *fungus*  
on fallen coconut trunk
- 2 48  
on fallen coconut trunk
- 3 49 *lichen*  
on standing coconut tree, upper  
side of ~~trunk~~ leaning trunk
- 3 50 *lichen*  
on coconut trunks, very  
common.
- 5 51 *lichen*  
on trunk of breadfruit tree
- 5 52 *moss*  
on trunk of coconut tree, near base  
fairly common.
- 5 53 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. & A. ✓  
common around trails and  
dwellings
- 5 54 *fungus*  
on dead fallen Pandanus trunk  
and branches
- 5 55 *fungus*  
on dead fallen Pandanus  
trunk and branches
- 2 56 *Gossypium*  
single plant planted  
in village, 30 yds from lagoon
- 2 57 *Mirabilis jalapa* L. ✓  
single plant growing in  
cemetery
- 2 58 *Asclepias curassavica* L. ✓  
several plants in cemetery  
and around houses

dark dull green when  
~~not~~ moist.

dark dull green when moist  
(looks like *Nostor*, but with apothecia)  
bright green, sterile.

loose small tufts  
"ujoi" (name for grass)

brilliant vermillions;  
flat.

variable but seemingly  
one species.

many-stemmed plant  
2 m. tall, heavily fruiting;  
leaves very chlorotic.  
bushy many-stemmed herb,  
flowers white, closed when  
collected, just after noon.  
not chlorotic.  
erect herb; crown orange,  
corolla red. not especially  
chlorotic. "yelo"



- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓  
 2 small patch near house
- 5 60  
 on trunk of breadfruit tree
- 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓  
 large patch on ground
- 5 62 *Euphorbia chamissonis* Biss. ✓  
 common locally, center of island
- 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
 common in trails and recently disturbed places
- 5 64 *Digitaria microbachne* (Pohl) Hem. ✓  
 common around village and near trails
- 1 65 *Cenchrus echinatus* L. ✓  
 rather rare along trail
- 5 66  
 in open pit well

### Profiles #1, #2, #3

#1 in open coconut grove on path just out of village.

#2 in open grassland in middle of trail

#3 in open coconut grove on relatively high rocky ground just inside outer beach on trail

aromatic, flowers purplish.  
 "Katarin"

prostrate, extensive,  
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)  
 stems ascending, plant  
 tends to be flat-topped, floral  
 glands white. "mal dol"  
 small tufts, culms  
 erect or ascending.  
 "upij"  
 small tufts, bases  
 decumbent and rooting

slightly  
 moist

Profile #1 4 samples - 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4  
 surface covered with loose coral fragments, gravel size.  
 A horizon - layers 1, 2, 3 total 2.7'.

sample 1-1  
 layer 1 - black (10YR-2/1) flecked  
 0-0.7' with pale.  
 ltr. - coarse, irregularly  
 gravelly-granular.  
 Tex. - friable, somewhat  
 plastic when worked.  
 filled loosely with  
 grass roots.

sample 1-2  
 layer 2 - black (10YR-2/2) thickly  
 0.7-1.1' flecked with pale.  
 ltr. - irregularly granular,  
 bound with coconut roots.  
 Tex. - friable, sandy-crumby

Marshall Is. Utirik Atoll, Utirik I.  
 Just e. of village  
 Nov. 29, 1951 Open coconut grove, grassy.



- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓  
 2 small patch near house  
 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree  
 5 61 *Promoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓  
 large patch on ground  
 5 62 *Euphorbia chamissonis* Biss. ✓  
 common locally, center  
 of island  
 5 43 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
 common in trails and recently  
 disturbed places  
 5 64 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Hem. ✓  
 common around

sample 1-3

Layer 3 - black (10YR-3/1) mottled  
 1.1-2.7' with gray

Str. - coarse, irregularly gravelly  
 a few coconut roots.  
 Tex. - very friable, loose

C horizon - layer 4 2.7'-4' - not dug any deeper

sample 1-4  
 layer 4 - very pale brown (10YR-7/3-8/3)  
 Str. - granular

Tex. - very friable, sandy

aromatic, flowers purplish.  
 "katarin"

prostrate, extensive,  
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)  
 stems ascending, plant  
 tends to be flat-topped; floral  
 glands white. "mal dolé"  
 small tufts, culms  
 erect or ascending.  
 "ujoi"  
 small tufts, bases  
 decumbent and rooting

Profile #2 samples 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6

A<sub>1</sub> horizon layer 1  
 0-0.2' - black (10YR-2/1) thickly  
 flecked with light brown

sample 2-1

Str. - loose granular

Tex. - coarse from sand, completely  
 friable but very slightly  
 plastic when worked.

A<sub>2</sub> horizon - layer 2  
 0.2-0.7' - salt-pepper brown (10YR-4/2-6/3)  
 becoming lighter downward

sample 2-2

Str. - loose granular

Tex. - coarse from sand, loose

Marshall Is., Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet.  
 center of island S. of Village.

Nov. 29, 1951

open grassy patch in coconut grove - left.

very few coconut roots  
in all horizons or A<sub>1</sub>



- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓  
 2 small patch near house  
 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree  
 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓  
 large patch on ground  
 5 62 *Euphorbia chamissonis* Biss. ✓  
 common locally, center  
 of island  
 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
 common in trails and recently  
 disturbed places  
 5 64 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Horn. ✓  
 common around

Buried A horizon - 0.7-1.8' layer 3  
 black (10YR-2/1-4/1) becoming  
 lighter downward.  
 ltr. - loose granular  
 Tex. - coarse foam sand, loose.

C horizon - layer 4  
 1.8'-7' - Pinkish gray (5YR-6/2)  
 to pink (5YR-8/3)  
 (upper foot pinkish gray  
 coarsely irregularly  
 mottled with gray,  
 changing gradually to pink)  
 ltr. - very loose granular, at 5' becoming  
 irregularly partially hard-caked  
 (sample 2-5), roots to 5'.  
 Tex. - coarse foam sand, loose to hard-caked.  
 C horizon - layer 5 - wet small gravel (sample 2-6)  
 below 7' on beach

aromatic, flowers purplish.  
 "Katarin"

prostrate, extensive,  
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)  
 stems ascending, plant  
 tends to be flat-topped, floral  
 glands white. "mal dolo"  
 small tufts, culms  
 erect or ascending.  
 "ujoi"  
 small tufts, bases  
 decumbent and rooting

Profile #3 (anomalous - series of  
 buried profiles) <sup>purpose with</sup>  
 samples 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5.  
 Layer 1 - 0-1.3' - salt & pepper (5YR-8/2, 5/1, 3/1)  
 averaging 6/2) pinkish.  
 ltr. granular Tex. loose sand with  
 irregular coral fragments  
 Buried profile - layers 2+3.  
 Layer 2 - 1.3-1.9' - (10YR-3/2)  
 ltr. granular, sl. firmer than other layers.  
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coral fragments.  
 Layer 3 - 1.9-2.3' - (5YR-8/2)  
 ltr. granular  
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coral fragments.  
 Buried profile - layer 4 - 2.3-3' -  
 (5YR-8/2) darkened a little at top.  
 ltr. granular  
 Tex. loose sand with irregular coral fragments.

Marshall Is. Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet  
 S. of village near ocean beach, just inside  
 height of land, 11' above beach-rock.  
 Nov. 29, 1951 - Open coconut grove, grassy.



- 33659 *Ocimum sanctum* L. ✓  
 2 small patch near house
- 5 60 on trunk of breadfruit tree
- 5 61 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓  
 large patch on ground
- 5 62 *Euphorbia chammissonis* Biss. ✓  
 common locally, center of island
- 5 63 *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
 common in trails and recently disturbed places
- 5 64 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Horn. ✓  
 common around

## Buried profile - layer 5

3-4.5' (then coral fragments became so numerous and hard packed that digging became impractical)

gray (5YR-5/1) becoming lighter downward, irregularly mottled or splashed with pink (5YR-8/2-8/3)

th. rather hard-packed, crumbly.

Tex. sandy rubble with irregular coral fragments.

large cobbles and even a few boulders scattered through this entire profile.

aromatic, flowers purplish.  
 "katarin"

prostrate, extensive,  
 flowers white (open 10:30 a.m.)  
 stems ascending, plant  
 tends to be flat-topped; floral  
 glands white. "mal dolz"  
 small tufts, culms  
 erect or ascending.

"ujoi"  
 small tufts, bases  
 decumbent and rooting,  
 culms erect, "ujoi"  
 small tuft, culms  
 ascending "lekeleke"  
 green, submerged and  
 floating.

± 200 yard diam. circle,  
 open coconut grove, incl.  
 profile #3, has 120 standing  
 coconut trees, 47 knocked  
 down by typhoon, all pointing  
 s. to s.e., no young trees  
 less than 2 years old. ±  
 general level about 11 ft.  
 above edge of beach rock.  
 Trees formerly spaced 15-20'.  
 Uneven mat of *Lepturus*,  
 some *Digitaria*, some *Fambriatylis*,  
 a few *Pandanus*, most of  
 large ones knocked down by typhoon.



Nov. 30 - Utirik Islet

Soil profile #4 taken near s.w. end of coconut grove, slightly nearer outer than inner beach, (in the grove)

The three layers here probably have no relation to each other - probably represent three depositions of material. The total depth of loose material on reef-rock is not great.

Beyond the end of the grove the loose material has been swept away by the 1951 typhoon (my guide confirms that the water came up over the flat part of the island). Root systems of shrubs are exposed - very extensive

Soil profile #5 is from toward the center of the island directly east of center of village, in sparse coconut grove, ground covered by grass (*Digitaria*), *Tarasa*, and abundant *Euphorbia charissonis*. Soil here is also shallow, but upper two layers perhaps

Profile #4 hole dug 3.2' to surface of reef-rock. anomalous profile.

Layer 1 - 0 - 1.6' reddish gray (5YR-5/2) with some fine black (5YR-3/1), varying to blotches of light reddish brown (5YR-4/3)

undifferentiated except that coconut roots are more abundant in bottom 0.3', grass roots common in top.

Str. - granular, loose.

Tex. - loose sandy with irregular coral fragments, (many of pebble or even cobble size in bottom of layer).

Layer 2 - 1.6 - 2.2' pinkish gray (5YR-4/2)

Str. - crumbly, firm.

Tex. - loamy sand with some gravel.

Marshall Is., Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet, inner of  
flat near w. end of coconut grove, nearer outer than  
inner beach  
Nov. 30, 1951 Open coconut grove, grassy, some  
brushes.

Layer 2.

Encountered rich  
very strong  
peculiar  
as it could  
rise to the

Str.  
Tex.

sample 5-2'

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Layer 3. - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-8/3)

Str. firmly packed, crumbly.  
 Tex. very friable, fine sand with some coarser particles.

Layer 4. 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray averaging about 5YR-7/2

Str. loose, not well packed.  
 Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

... came up over the flat part of the island. Root systems of shrubs are exposed - very extensive.

Soil profile #5 is from toward the center of the island directly east of center of village, in sparse coconut grove, ground covered by grass (*Digitaria*), *Tacca*, and abundant *Euphorbia charissoensis*. Soil here is also shallow, but upper two layers perhaps

are really horizons of one ~~to~~ depositional layer.

Bedrock here seems to be indurated loose material rather than reef-rock.

In this area are a number of elongate depressions or trenches, about 10 m. wide, 2 m. deep, that are doubtless long-abandoned taro-pits. They are said to have been made by the old people. They are old enough to have coconut trees at the

slightly moist

Profile #5 3 layers totaling 2.5'

Layer 1. 0-0.7' black (10YR-2/2)

Str. - loose granular, very friable  
 Tex. - loamy sand with a few small coral fragments, grass roots in upper part, a few coconut roots.

Layer 2. 0.7-1.5' gray - pink (7.5YR-6/4)

blotched with a salt & pepper mixture of 10YR-3/1 and 6/2, appearing gray.

Str. - loose granular  
 Tex. - coarse sandy with some coconut roots.

sample 5-2?

passing gradually into layer 3

(over)

Marshall Is. Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet, along trail east of village, 150 m. E. of last Japanese installation.

Nov. 30, 1951. Sparse coconut grove, ground cover of *Digitaria*, *Euphorbia* clear. ...



Layer 3. - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-8/3)

Str. firmly packed, crumbly.  
 Tex. very friable, fine sand with some coarser particles.

Layer 4. - 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray averaging about 5YR-7 1/2

Str. loose, not well packed.  
 Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

Layer 3 1.5-2.5' pink (7.5YR-8/4)  
 blotched above with gray (as in blotches in layer 2)

Str. - loose granular.  
 Tex. - fine sand, with a few coconut roots.

resting on a consolidated small gravel that is pink, very firm to pick, but after pieces are detached they crumble somewhat. coconut roots penetrate this.

are really horizons of one depositional layer.

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Profile #6 3 layers in bottom of long-abandoned taro pit. A-C

Layer 1 0-1.9' black (10YR-2/1-2/2) becoming somewhat lighter downward, somewhat flecked with pale grains.

Str. crumbly-granular  
 Tex. Mucky loam with some coarse sand, plastic when worked. roots in upper 1/3.

Layer 2 1.9-2.5' gray (10YR-4/1) thickly flecked with pale brown (10YR-7/3)  
 Str. sticky granular (wet), firm.  
 Tex. coarse sand with some clay and much small gravel and some irregular coral fragments

Marshall Is. Utirik Atoll, Utirik Islet east of village on trail, 200 m. E. of last Japanese installation.  
 Nov. 30, 1950. Clendendrum thicket in bottom of old abandoned taro pit.



Layer 3. - 2.2-2.5' pink (5YR-2/3)  
 str. firmly packed, crumbly.  
 Tex. very friable, fine sand with  
 some coarser particles.

Layer 4. 2.5-3.2' mixed pinkish gray  
 averaging about 5YR-7/2  
 str. loose, not well packed.  
 Tex. gravel with some coarse sand

Layer 3 (C horizon) 2.5-3.2' (to bottom of hole)  
 pale brown (10YR-7/3)  
 str. hard, firmly packed.  
 Tex. rubble with some sand,  
 pieces of coral to 3-4" thick.

Encountered water in C horizon, at about 3',  
 very strongly smelling of  $H_2S$ ,  
 peculiar sweet taste,  $83^\circ F$  temp.  
 as it collected in hole;  
 rose to 2.3' in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours.  
 (below level of bottom of Taro pit)

Taro pit bottom perhaps 6 ft. below  
 level of surrounding country  
 Water sample marked 6-4

are really horizons of one  
~~to~~ depositional layer.

Bedrock here seems to be  
 indurated loose material  
 rather than reef-rock.

In this area are a number  
 of elongate depressions or  
 trenches, about 10 m. wide,  
 2 m. deep, that are doubtless  
 long-abandoned taro-pits.  
 They are said to have been  
 made by the old people.  
 They are old enough to  
 have coconut trees of the  
 general size in the  
 surrounding plantation  
 growing in their bottoms,  
 also fair sized breadfruit  
 trees.

Profile #6 was dug in  
 the bottom of one of these,  
 now filled with a thicket  
 of Clerodendron. The soil  
 was black, and the water  
 table is only 2.3' below the  
 ground. The water smells  
 very strongly of  $H_2S$ .

Beyond here, to the east,  
 is a large area of open  
 coconut grove with Tacca  
 making up a large part  
 of the ground cover, otherwise  
 grass and, locally, Euphorbia  
 hamissonis.



The eastern part of the ~~islet~~ is open coconut grove with grass. Before the grass is reached there is a small thicket of *Cordia*, *Guettarda*, and *Pisonia*, almost smothered by *Sporobolus*.

On the east end of the islet is an area of broken coral, with no obvious soil. This is mostly covered by a scrub of *Scaevola*, dense and tangled, 2-3 m. tall at inner edge, getting lower outward, badly battered by the typhoon at outer edge, with scattered through it badly beaten old trees of *Messerschmidia*, *Pisonia*, *Guettarda*, <sup>*Cordia*</sup>, etc.

about twice as tall as the scrub. In the scrub are many <sup>dead</sup> branches of these lying tangled in the scrub. This scrub is so dense that it is laborious to cut a trail through it. It is also tangled with *Sporobolus*.

On bare broken coral inside this belt of scrub was found a colony of *Platyrrhinus* *underalis*, also much *Boerhaavia diffusa* of the extensive, pointed leafed, capitate infl. form.

Two species of lizards noted on island - a small slender brown skink, and a large, swift-like green one, up to 8" long. <sup>agrees</sup> ~~one~~ of these latter ~~were~~ secured and is in jar #1.

In jar #1, also are two specimens of the large <sup>terrestrial</sup> red hermit crab; ~~there is~~ <sup>four</sup> of a smaller white and purple banded one; and two specimens of a burrowing land crab or "ghost crab" of a very pale color, dug out of burrows in the sand flat of the west part of the island. The hermit crabs were eating meat from split young drinking coconuts.

Vial #7 - has earthworm from upper layer of profile #6. <sup>Lost</sup>

In jar #2 are a number of hermit crabs, one land crab and some skinks.



- 33667 *Guettarda speciosa* L. ✓  
 5 common in ~~the~~ sparse coconut grove and in scrub along outer edge of islet
- 68 *Luriana maritima* L. ✓  
 3 common in scrub on outer part of islet, outside coconut grove, on coral debris.
- 69 *Leucaena glauca* (L.) Benth. ✓  
 5 very local, around old Japanese installation, center of west arm of islet.
- 70 *Carica papaya* L. ✓  
 2 common, this from near center of west arm of islet.
- 71 *Cordia subcordata* Lam. ✓  
 2 occasional ~~common~~ in sparse coconut groves, sometimes forming small thickets.
- 72 *Euphorbia heterophylla* L. ✓  
 3 very local, ~~abundant where seen~~, ~~see colony seen~~, around abandoned dwelling sites
- 73 *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
 5 common in center of islet, especially around abandoned taro pits, forming low thickets.
- 74 *Polypodium scolopendria* Burmf. ✓  
 2 in small pit around old Japanese installation, not seen elsewhere
- 75 *Portulaca samoensis* v. Pallas. ✓  
 5 common in sparse coconut groves in center of islet on bare ground.

shrub 2 m. tall, bushy, (others seen up to 5 m. tall); flowers white, very fragrant. "wut"  
 - low shrub, spreading; flowers yellow, petals falling easily.

shrubs 3-4 m. tall, flowers cream-white.

plant 3 m. tall, flowers cream white.

shrub 3 m. tall; all seen sterile. "hano"

bracts partly scarlet.

shrub 1-1.5 m. tall; flowers white with maroon-purple stamens and style. "ulij"

prostrate, fleshy, root tuberous; flowers yellow, closing before mid-day.



- 33676 *Pisonia grandis* R.Br. v  
 scattered in *Scaevola* scrub  
 on outer part of north end  
 of islet.
- 3 77 *Ipomoea tuba* (Pohleht.) Don v  
 common, tangled in  
 inner edge of *Scaevola*  
 scrub on north end of islet.
- 3 78 *Calophyllum inophyllum* L.  
 rare, one tree seen near  
 center of island.
- 4 79 *Fleurya ruderalis* Gaud. v  
 local on bare broken  
 coral just inside belt  
 of *Scaevola* scrub on north  
 end of island.
- 5 80 *Boerhaavia diffusa* L.  
 common on bare broken  
 coral just inside belt  
 of *Scaevola* scrub on north  
 end of island

Dec. 1 - same.

- 9 81 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R.Br. v  
 one of first colonists on  
 bare coral sand (also  
 dominant ground cover  
 under coconut trees in outer  
 parts of ~~the~~ coconut grove)
- 5 82 *Pemphis acidula* Forst. v  
 in mixed scrub on  
 sand spit (small dunes)
- 2 83 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst. v  
 planted in village

tree 5 m. tall, 15 cm. thick;  
 leaves pale green;  
 all seen sterile.

wine, extensively  
 twining, climbing in  
 shrubs and trees.

stems succulent, red.  
 "new butekut"

prostrate, forming  
 extensive loose mats;  
 flowers pink.

bunches of erect  
 culms, sending out  
 long prostrate creeping  
 runners or stolons.  
 "njoij"

shrub 1.5 m. tall, leaves  
 salty astringent to taste;  
 flowers white.

tree 6 m. tall, sterile at this stage;  
 said to be seedless variety. "ma"



- 33 684 *Morinda citrifolia* L. <sup>v</sup>  
 very common in open coconut groves
- 2 85 *Neium*  
 planted in village
- 2 86 *Crinum*  
 abundantly planted in village
- 2 87 *Sida fallax* Walp. <sup>v</sup>  
 single plant planted in village
- 6 88 *Phyllanthus niruri* L. <sup>v</sup>  
 common locally in village
- 2 89 *Plumeria rubra* L. <sup>v</sup>  
 planted in village
- 5 90 *Pseuderanthemum carverthensii* (Seem.) Guill. <sup>v</sup>  
 planted in village <sup>var. carverthensii</sup>
- 4 91 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst. <sup>v</sup>  
 planted in ~~coconut~~ coconut grove
- 5 92 *Thuarea involuta* (Forst.) R. & S. <sup>v</sup>  
 common locally in coconut grove
- 6 93 *Trumpetia procumbens* Forst. <sup>v</sup>  
~~along~~ plant locally in coconut grove
- 5 94 *Cassytha filiformis* L. <sup>v</sup>  
 common generally parasitizing herbs & shrubs

- "neni" shrub 3 m. tall. leaves  
 - glossy; flowers white.  
 - sterile shrub 3 m. tall.
- neck up to 3 dm. high,  
 1-1.5 dm. thick, plant  
 up to 2 m. tall; peduncles  
 red, somewhat compressed;  
 flowers white with  
 narrow tube & stamens,  
 very fragrant. Pedicels  
 thick, 2-2.5 cm. long. "kiep"  
 shrub 1 m. tall; leaves  
 - green; flowers orange.  
 erect; flowers green.
- rounded shrub or small  
 tree 2.5 m. tall, flowers  
 white with yellow center,  
 - fragrant.
- small tree 3 m. tall; leaves  
 green; flowers with  
 salverform corolla, white  
 with red-purple center,  
 2 lobes erect, one down, two  
 lateral ones below horizontal.  
 tree 5 m. tall, sterile at this  
 - season; said to be seeded variety. "ma"  
 prostrate, forming loose  
 mat. "ujoij" (means grass)  
 - prostrate, extensive creeper  
 branches ascending, flowers yellow.  
 stems green (to yellow in  
 some places), flowers white, fruit ~~white~~ <sup>amorphous</sup>.
- "unlij"



- 33695 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) O.K.  
locally dominant in  
ground cover in sparse  
coconut grove. Seedlings  
abundant.

- 96 *Premna obtusifolia* R. Br. ✓  
two trees seen, near village  
on lagoon side of islet
- 97 *Pandanus tectorius* Park. ✓  
common generally

Took samples of water  
flowing from beach in  
small springs just above  
low tide mark. This is  
salty. Also took water  
samples from two ~~at~~ pit  
wells, one about 100 m. from  
beach, the other about 50 m. on  
lagoon side of island.

Two samples marked U.W.-6 and  
U.W.-7 are from beach, U.W.-6 taken  
at low tide, U.W.-7 1/2 hour later.  
U.W.-8 from 100 m. back of beach  
at this point; U.W.-9 from  
50 m. back, but much further  
west.

- 98 ~~Alga~~  
algal crust on soil in  
coconut grove.

acaulescent, scapose,  
up to 2 m. tall, at this  
season turning quite  
yellow, fruits ripe.  
Tubers used to make  
starch. "moke-mok"  
seedlings included in specimen.  
small tree, leaves  
badly eaten by insects.  
sterile. "kasa"  
tree 5 m. tall, pulp of fruit  
eaten. "bop".

~~Vial~~ Vial #6 - bottom layer  
has damselflies from  
around pit well, house  
flies that are everywhere.

Vial #10 - miscellaneous.  
Claterid flying to light  
at night - Utirik Islet.  
Pseudoscorpion<sup>mite</sup> and isopod  
in litter samples #9+8  
from Eekub I.



## Biqarab

Dec. 2 - Biqarab Islet,  
south part of islet planted  
to coconuts. This part has  
sandy or gravelly soil,  
upper layer black or at  
least fine material black.  
Ground cover mostly  
*Lepturus*.

Just east of the south point  
is a small mangrove  
depression with *Burquina*  
*conjugata*, water rather  
muddy because stirred  
up by pigs. Water sample  
UW-10 taken here.

No weeds or cultivated  
plants noted on this islet.

Outer part of island of  
sharp broken coral, pieces  
small on inner side, coarse  
on outer. Along concave  
~~a~~ passage beach is a  
very well developed ridge  
of sharp broken rock,  
not at all vegetated ~~from~~  
the outer slope and on the  
broad (5-10 m.) top. Only  
one or two plants of *Triumfetta*  
have gained a foothold on  
the outer part of this, scarcely  
in a few places. *Lepturus*  
where sand has accumulated.

On outer reef there is  
evidence of a former reef (see p. 55)

Eelub Islet - coconuts  
sparsely planted on  
inner end of islet, with  
considerable *Pandanus*,  
open ground under trees  
with *Lepturus*. Soil  
here relatively fine,  
but with considerable  
gravel sized material.

Remainder of islet covered  
with mixed scrub with  
*Pisonia* and *Scaevola*  
predominant, outer beach  
fringe with considerable  
*Suaeda*, growing on  
cobble ridge. Small  
openings with *Achyranthes*  
abundant. Butterflies  
very common here  
visiting *Achyranthes* flowers.

Inside this is mixed  
scrub with considerable  
~~of~~ *Pisonia*. Between scrub  
and coconut grove is narrow  
open strip, grassy. Much  
*Pisonia* in scrub at  
inner edge.



most of which has been cut away, but which still exists, to a height of 3-4 feet just under the boulder rampart.

The inner end,  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the concave passage beach, is of sand, and here is beach-rock, <sup>strials</sup> parallel with beach, dipping toward passage. The beach above this is of fine calcareous sand (sample 7). It is being blown away, exposing *Scaevola* roots. The only plants growing on the actual beach slope are <sup>few</sup> scattered *Triumfetta procumbens*.

\*) In this sand are occasional small pebbles of pumice, these in most cases completely enveloped in a casing of small *Scaevola* roots.

The general broken rock surface is covered by mixed scrub, largely *Scaevola*, but with *Guettarda*, *Messerschmidia*, *Pisonia*, and *Terminalia samoensis*. The secondary components become more abundant toward the outer end, but on the actual outer beach is a broad fringe

of mostly *Scaevola*, this only about 1 m. tall or less, while the general scrub is from 2 to 4 m. tall, with occasional trees, mostly *Pisonia* but some *Messerschmidia* and some *Guettarda*, 5-7 m. tall.

Vial #8 - Misc. insects taken sweeping, mostly on Pigawak Islet  
(Geophilid on Eeruk Islet.)  
(Cerambycid on Eeruk Islet.)  
(Lygeid on Pigawak I., on *Allophylus*.)  
(Large moth larva on *Pisonia* on Eeruk Islet.)

Vial #9 - Misc. animals collected in leaf litter on ground on Eeruk Islet.

Screening samples: Eeruk Islet.

#8 - from approx. 1 sq. yard of litter under *Pandanus*.

#9 - from approx. 1 sq. yard of surface in *Lepturus* grass under sparse coconut.

#10 - from approx. 1 sq. yard under *Pisonia*. Living snails in vial from decaying *Pisonia* twigs on ground.



Dec. 2 - Eelub Islet

- 33699 *Suaeda maritima* L. ✓  
 outer fringe of scrub on outer beach  
 33700 *Sporobolus tuba* (Schlecht.) Don ✓  
 very abundant on south  
 passage beach, on rubble  
 and climbing over scrub.  
 01 *Portulaca lutea* ? Sd.  
 small colony on bare  
 coral gravel near inner beach.

Dec. 2 - on reef flat in  
 passage bet. Eelub and  
 Pigwah Islets.

- 02 *Neomeris vanbosseae* Howe (det. Taylor 1955)  
 very common at about extreme  
 low tide level  
 03 *Liagora* ? *valida* Harvey (det. Taylor 1955)  
 rare at about low tide level  
 04 *Microdictyon okamuraei* Setch. (det. Taylor 1955)  
 rare at low tide level  
 05 *Centroceras clavulatum* (C. Ag.)  
 on tufts of *Caulerpa* at extreme low tide  
 06a *Caulerpa serrulata* (Forssk.) J. Ag. (det. Taylor 1955)  
 very common on bare rock  
 at extreme low tide level  
 06b *Caulerpa serrilliana* Mont. (det. Taylor 1955)  
 very common on tufts  
 of *Caulerpa* at extreme low tide level  
 07 *Porolithon* *gairdneri* (Fensholt) Fensholt  
 living fragments on reef flat just below  
 low tide level

~~low shrub~~  
 low shrub ~~1 m. tall~~ 1 m. tall,  
 flowers yellow "ngienge"  
 prostrate and twining,  
 flowers white, calyx fleshy  
 just before maturity "maralap"  
 (seeds coll. for Taylor)  
 stems up to 15 mm. thick,  
 gray brown, ascending;  
 leaves fleshy, obovate;  
 flowers yellow, ~~stamens~~  
 1 cm. across, stamens 15-20;  
 "puya"

1955) whitish green, clavate-terete.

1955) green  
 mont. (det. Taylor 1955)  
 reddish.  
 level

Taylor 1955)

prostrate rhizome with  
 tufts of compressed green process.  
 yellowish red.

bright rose pink



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Bikarab

Dec. 2 Pigawak Islet

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~~Allophylus timorensis~~in cavity in fallen *Pisonia* trunk5 10 ~~89~~ *Allophylus timorensis* (DC.) Bl. colony in mixed scrub on broken coral7 9 11 *Premna obtusifolia* R.Br. L. one plant seen in coconut grove5 12 *Bruguiera conjugata* (L.) Mon. small colony in low spot near south point, not seen elsewhere.5 13 *Terminalia samoensis* Rech. occasional in mixed scrub.5 14 *Achyranthes velutina* H. & A. ~~at small~~ two small colonies seen, (much more abundant on Likiep I. in openings in scrub) in edges of scrub, on broken coral.

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Utirik Atoll

shrub 1 m. tall (others to 2 m.) diffusely branched, flowers white.

- diffusely branched shrubby tree 4 m. tall, branches to ground; flowers pale green, aromatic. Leaves varying in serration. small trees 2-3 m. tall; ~~flowers red~~ calyx red, petals tan. "chong"

shrub 1 m. tall (taller plants seen, also where on edge of beach, very depressed ones); fruit green.

- spreading, sprawling plants repeatedly branched, floral bracts bright purple.



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Dec. 3 Utrik Islet  
sand spit with  
low dunes33715 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) Krause2 16 ~~under loose b.~~  
under <sup>loose</sup> bark of dead stub  
of living *Messerschmidia*2 17 *Laurencia* sp. (det. Taylor 1955)  
floating in lagoon2 18 ~~atop lagoon~~  
algal layer in surface  
layers of beach rock

3 19 algal crust on coral sand

Several lines of beach  
rock dipping toward sea,  
then flat reef-rock, this  
quite impervious and hard  
except where cracked. Then  
one line dipping toward  
lagoon, then sand bar  
or spit a foot or two higher  
than reef rock. The  
rock apparently exposed  
during 1951 hurricane,  
which almost completely  
denuded this part of the  
islet.

shrub 2 m. tall, branched  
and spreading; flowers  
dirty white; fruit  
white, fleshy. "känrat"  
white, fleshy.

red.

green layer.

black, broken into  
small blocks.

Vial #11 - larvae of a  
moth, eating flowers  
and, to a less extent,  
leaves of *Messerschmidia*.

Vial #12 - Miscellaneous  
insects collected on  
*Messerschmidia argentea*.

The proximal part of  
this denuded ~~at~~ rock  
flat has scattered  
clumps of *Pennisetum*,  
some very dense,  
with scattered tufts  
of *Lepturus* between,



some *Cassytha* and a few other plants. ~~At the distal part~~  
Dead bushes of *Scaevola* with their enormous root systems exposed are common on the proximal part, toward the sea, apparently killed by the March, 1951, typhoon, which swept much of the rock clear of soil.

- Distal to a break ~~at~~ in the beach-rocks, where the sea comes in at high tide to form a large pool, there is almost no vegetation on the rock-flat (a plant or two of *Pemphis*, only), but a line of *Scaevola* scrub (with some *Messerschmidia*) runs on out along the crest of the sand spit. The bushes are well grown, 2-3 m. tall, and small trees of *Messerschmidia* may be 4 m.

- along the lagoon side of this spit are two levels of deposited material, one just below the crest, firm level sand, with a slight algal crust, and beginning to be vegetated with *Scaevola* and *Lepturus*. Between this and the water's edge is actual beach, of fine gravel, which is loose. Here are many tiny seedlings of *Messerschmidia*. All three of these belts are cut here and there by places where the waves have actually gone over and washed vertical sided gaps a foot or two into the sand ridge, exposing the root systems of *Scaevola*.

Counts of relative numbers of ~~various~~ various plants present as seedlings or adult plants were made along a stretch that seemed typical. Areas were not measured, so the percentage composition is the only significant factor here.



	1	2	3
general <i>Scaevola</i>	3 <del>10</del>	9 <del>10</del>	13 <del>21</del>
general <i>Messerschmidia</i>	118	3	5
general <i>Lepturus</i>	13	95	
local <del><i>Fimbristylis</i></del>			
scattered <i>Fimbristylis</i>			
rare <i>Suriana</i>			
scattered <i>Guettarda</i>		11	
rare <i>Pandanus</i>			
abundant <i>Pemphis</i>			
common <i>Cassytha</i>			
scattered <i>Triumfetta</i>		5	

The exposed beach rock has a green algal layer a few mm. below the surface, esp. where the rock is gray rather than white.

Dec. 4 - Lagoon - saw white tailed tropic bird flying above boat.

Golden Plover seen generally on all islets. Very tame here, run with chickens, only fly up on close approach of a person. "kolej"

The coconuts, in general, are very small here, variable but averaging small.

Dec. 2 - Reluke I. - A great crowd of fairy terns in air when I was in brushy part of islet. The egg of one of them was seen, lying on a dead stub of a branch of a *Messerschmidia* tree, balanced in a slight irregularity. It was mm. long, mm. wide, ground color a pale brownish gray, irregularly mottled with brown-gray, brown, and very dark brown.

*Hypolimnas bolina* (?) very common here two main color forms and some variation in them. Visiting *Adiantum* flowers.

Native name for fairy tern is "mejo'k"

Large animals  
Man "kano"

Dog

Pig "big"

Cat "guy"

chicken "pau" or "fau"

rat - reported by natives, not seen.



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## Marshall Is.

Dec. 5 Taka I.

Lagoonward half in coconuts, more densely planted toward lagoon sparser toward center of island (e. & w.).

Surface soil in part covered by coconuts sandy, mostly not very dark in color except at extreme surface.

Profile # 11 in small grassy opening in this section.

Central part of island scrub with a few scattered coconuts, and, in southern half, with open *Pisonia* forest. Profiles 12 & 13 in scrub, 13 in *Scaevola*, 12 in mixed *Messerschmidia*, *Scaevola*, *Guettarda*.

In coconut plantation scattered clumps and patches of *Scaevola* brush, masses of young coconuts, scattered *Pandanus*, ground cover of *Triumfetta*, *Polypodium*, *Cassytha*, *Lepturus*, very luxuriant, the *Triumfetta* sending up erect branches

Profile # 12 0-4.3' three layers.

Layer 1. - A<sub>1</sub> horizon - 0-0.9' dark brown (7.5 YR - 3/2) but larger particles as light as 7.5 YR - 5/2 in 6/2 F, at top becoming gradually darker. ~~and~~ ltr. loose granular, lighter, fluffier at top. Tex. loamy sand, more organic matter toward top.

changes gradually to  
Layer 2 - A<sub>2</sub> horizon. pinkish gray (7.5 YR - 6/2) 0.9-1.5' ltr. fairly compact but easily crumbled. Tex. sand mixed with fine silt.

changes gradually to (over)

Marshall Is. Taka Atoll, Taka I.

Dec. 5, 1951 grassy opening in mixed scrub.

from the prostrate stems, abundantly floriferous, flowers opening late in afternoon. *Cassytha* forms large dense mats.

Well in this section - water temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island uneven mixed scrub, with grassy openings in north part, dense in south part, many fallen trees.



sample  
12-3

Layer 3 C horizon. 1.5' - 4.3'. pink (7.5YR-7/4)  
ltr. loose varying to compact  
granular.

Tex. sand to small gravel with  
occasional fragments 2-4" across.

Resting on a smooth, very ~~flat~~  
hard flat indurated lime-sand  
or beach rock (rings when struck  
with pick and sends showers of sparks).

a few scattered coconuts, and, in southern half, with open *Pisonia* forest. Profiles 12 & 13 in scrub, 13 in *Scaevola*, 12 in mixed *Messerschmidia*, *Scaevola*, *Guettarda*.

In coconut plantation scattered clumps and patches of *Scaevola* brush, masses of young coconuts, scattered *Pandanus*, ground cover of *Triumfetta*, *Polypodium*, *Cassytha*, *Lepturus*, very luxuriant, the *Triumfetta* sending up erect branches

Profile #11 of three layers, totaling 3' to rock.

Layer 1 0-0.8' whitish pink (7.5YR-8/2), slightly stained with organic matter in upper 0.15'.  
ltr. loose granular  
Tex. coarse sandy.

abrupt change to

Layer 2 0.8-1.5' salt + pepper mixture of dark brown (7.5YR-3/2) and pinkish gray (7.5YR-6/2).

ltr. loose granular, many coconut roots.

Tex. very sandy loam.  
This is certainly a buried A horizon.  
transition of 1" to (over)

Marshall Is., Taka Atoll, Taka I.  
100 yards in from lagoon beach near center of island.  
Dec. 5, 1951 sparse coconut grove, small grassy opening.

from the prostrate stems, abundantly floriferous, flowers opening late in afternoon. *Cassytha* forms large dense mats.

Well in this section - water temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island uneven mixed scrub, with grassy openings in north part, dense in south part, many fallen trees.



Layer 4

Sample  
13-4

str  
7ex

2.5-4.4' very pale brown  
(10YR-8/4)

granular, loose,  
coarse sand with some  
gravel, changing to sand  
and large fragments in  
bottom 8" or so.

Residing on consolidated fine gravel.

to  
out

Nuts, and, in southern  
half, with open *Pisonia*  
forest. Profiles 12 & 13  
in scrub, 13 in *Scaevola*  
in mixed *Messerschmidia*,  
*Scaevola*, *Guetarda*.

In coconut plantation scattered  
clumps and patches of  
*Scaevola* brush, masses of  
young coconuts, scattered  
*Pandanus*, ground cover of  
*Triumfetta*, *Polypodium*,  
*Cassytha*, *Lepturus*, very  
luxuriant, the *Triumfetta*  
sending up erect branches

## Taka Atoll

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Vial #13 - orb-weaving spiders  
from Taka Islet.

Vial #14 - animals from  
around base of coconut  
tree in pile of old leaves,  
etc.

Vial #15 - ants and termites  
from rotting *Messerschmidia*  
log. Larvae in tubes  
from outside of sheaths  
of living coconut trees.  
Other things miscellaneous.

from the prostrate stems,  
abundantly floriferous,  
flowers opening late in  
afternoon. *Cassytha*  
forms large dense  
mats.

Well in this section - water  
temp. 81° at 10:35 a.m.

Outer third of island  
uneven mixed scrub, with  
grassy openings in north part,  
dense in south part, many  
fallen trees.



Dec. 5 - Taka Islet

Open coconut grove on  
~~coral~~ coral sand soil.

- 33720 *Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) Kr. ✓  
5 21 common under coconuts

- 5 21 *Triumfetta procumbens* Forst. ✓  
very common, forming  
large pure stands  
under coconuts.

- 5 22 *Messerschmidia argentea* (L.f.) Trin. ✓  
very common in scrub  
and under coconut trees.

- 5 23 *Polypodium scolopendria* Burm. f. ✓  
abundant everywhere  
under coconut trees

- 5 24 *Cassytha filiformis* L. ✓  
very abundant everywhere  
on low growing plants.

- 5 25 *Pandanus tectorius* Park. ✓  
common under coconuts

- 5 26 *Lida fallax* Walp. ✓  
occasional to common  
under coconuts

- 5 27 *Albugo platensis*  
common, parasitic on  
*Boerhaavia diffusa*.

- 3 28 *fungus*  
on dead coconut trunks

shrub 2-3 m. tall, forming  
rounded masses, leaves  
bright green, flowers  
dull white, inside of  
tube yellowish, edges  
of split purple; fruit white.

main stems prostrate,  
flowering branches erect,  
flowers yellow, closed  
during middle of day,  
open in late afternoon.

shrub 3 m. tall, others  
seen taller; leaves frosty  
green, flowers white,  
fragrant.

rhizome prostrate,  
fronds erect.

green to orange; flowers  
white; fruit immature.

small tree 6 m. tall.

shrub, up to 0.3 m. tall,  
flowers orange.

causes branches of  
host to assume erect habit.

variable in outline.



5 30729 *Achyranthes velutina* H. & A. ✓  
common in openings

5 30 *Polyporus*  
on dead *Pandanus* tree

3 31 *fungus*  
on dead *Pandanus* tree

5 32 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R. Br. ✓  
dominant in many  
places in openings, under  
trees, and under scrub.

5 33 *Blumea*  
in edge of coconut grove  
on coral sand.

Dec. 6 same.

4 34 *Morinda citrifolia* L. ✓  
occasional in *Pisonia*  
grove, center of island.

2 35 *Pisonia grandis* R. Br. ✓  
occasional all over island,  
~~large~~ grove of large  
trees in center, with  
innumerable root sprouts

2 36 *Carica papaya* L. ✓  
occasional in *Pisonia*  
grove in center of island

5 37 *Fimbristylis cymosa* R. Br.  
only a small colony seen  
on S.W. corner of island

spawling herb, up  
to 1.5 m. across; flowers in  
— rose purple.  
bright orange-vermillion

erect tufts

black crust on surface of sand.

shrub 3 m. tall; leaves  
glossy, dark green.  
flowers white, fruit  
— ovoid, fleshy.

Trees to ~~20~~ 20 m. tall,  
large soft whitish  
trunks; all seen  
were sterile.

single stemmed  
tree. leaves in a  
rosette at top, axis  
somewhat elongate;  
— 4 flowers white.  
small tufts, leaves  
stiff.



- 38738 *Luriana maritima* L. ✓  
 2 very rare, few plants on  
 top of s.s. beach
- 2 39 *Terminalia samoensis* Rech. ✓  
 single plant on exposed  
 beach
- 5 40 *Guettarda speciosa* L. ✓  
 very common in scrub  
 and occasional in coconut  
 grove.
- 5 41 *Albugo platensis*  
 common, infecting  
*Boerhavia*
- 5 42 *Portulaca lutea* Sol.  
 occasional on tephrom-strepped  
 flat facing sea, on  
 bare sand.
- 5 43 *Boerhavia diffusa* L.  
 in sparse coconut grove  
 near north end, on broken  
 coral.
- 5 44 *Flouya ruderalis* Gaud. ✓  
 abundant in sparse  
 coconut grove, on broken  
 coral (also on sand).
- 2 45 *Morinda citrifolia* L. ✓  
 on broken coral in north  
 end of coconut grove
- 5 46 *Boerhavia*  
 at edge of scrub at  
 north end of island,  
 exposed situation.

low shrub, 3 dm. tall,  
 all seem sterile.

shrub 1 m. tall, sterile.

small tree 3 m. tall,  
~~flow~~ (others taller)  
 flowers white, very  
 fragrant.

— produces erect habit  
 in infected branches  
 of normally prostrate  
 host.

fleshy much branched  
 spreading to ascending  
 herb, stems red;  
 flowers yellow,  
 stamens

— prostrate, forming  
 extensive mat, from  
 thick vertical root.  
 flowers pink, stamens  
 2-3.

erect, stem fleshy,  
 bronze; flowers  
 bronze.

— shrub 2 m. tall, with  
 seedlings beneath.

prostrate, from  
 thickened roots; flowers  
 pink, 2-4 stamens.



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*Pemphis acidula* Fast.

beach - rocks stripped  
of loose material by  
typhoon.

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*Boerhavia*

in edge of scrub at  
north end of island.

49

on rotting coconut wood

50

on rotting wood.

Vial #16 - animals from  
under loose bark of  
rotting *Pisonia* twigs.

Vial #17 - animals from  
axils of ~~the~~ *Pandanus*  
leaves.

Vial 18 - snails from  
old coniferous log cast  
up above high tide mark  
on seaward beach.

Vial 19 - insects<sup>etc.</sup> from  
leaf mold, etc. on ground

old stubs, left by  
typhoon, sending out  
clumps of sprouts.  
leaves thick, astringent  
when chewed; petals white;  
top of fruit maroon.

prostrate, forming  
large loose mat;  
flowers pink, stamens  
2-3.

whitish in color, <sup>including</sup> ~~and~~ gills.

Tan color with somewhat  
darker gills.



Dec. 7 - ~~the~~ same

33751 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Hance  
 84 small colony on broken coral in north end of coconut grove.

The greater part of Taka Islet is characterized by sandy soil, varying from almost unaltered at the surface to black and filled with humus. The surface is generally covered by <sup>scattered</sup> small worn coral fragments and occasional cobbles and boulders. The soils are deep and profiles vary, there being usually buried profiles. In the center of the north end of the island, about 100-150 m. in from all three sides is an area, planted to coconuts, of broken coral <sup>the fragments</sup> varying locally in size from 2-4 cm. thick to cobbles and even small boulders.

In the *Pisonia* grove in the center the soil is black, boulders fairly numerous. Here are a

plants weak, supported by surrounding vegetation.

few plants of *Carica papaya*. Many *Pisonia* trees have been knocked down by the typhoon, and the grove is open, but choked with seedlings and sprouts 1-3 m. tall. The trees are up to perhaps 60 ft. high, now quite scraggly and with leaves badly eaten by larvae.



Laguna

Dec. 7 - Rongerik Island

33752

*Luriana maritima* L.  
scattered bushes on  
sand bar, the one  
specimen came from  
growing on exposed  
beach rock.

Soil sample #14 - <sup>rough</sup>  
a peat forming a compact  
layer 2.5 - 3" thick ~~rests~~  
underlain by loose  
coral gravel with very  
little sand. Color dark  
brown. pH 5.5 - 6.0.  
In *Pisonia* grove.

Soil sample #15 - black  
to dark brown layer, with  
some foraminifera and coral  
fragments, 3" thick over-  
lying loose coral gravel.  
in *Pisonia* grove. pH 8.0  
more crumbly than #14.

Screening sample #16.  
material scraped from  
surface under dead leaves  
in *Pisonia* grove, on  
layer from which soil sample  
#15 was taken, run thru  
2 screens, caught on fourth.

Bay sample X - cemented crust on  
reef flat just above high tide level.

bush 0.6 m. tall,  
spreading, much-branched.

On the reef flat on the  
north side, exposed  
at medium to low tide,  
the reef-rock surface  
is flat with micro-  
solution features, pointed  
enough to preclude there  
being extensive abrasion  
in process at present.  
tiny solution basins  
stained white in  
places with precipitated  
chalk (?) [photo]. On this  
flat there is horizontal  
exfoliation taking place,  
right through corals and  
other irregular materials,  
giving smooth flat  
surfaces, which then  
start to be pitted again.  
Several stages of pitting  
visible in adjacent segments,  
showing relative times  
of exfoliation [photo]. The  
material is a hard, very  
much consolidated breccia  
or conglomerate material. (over)



Vital #20 insects caught  
beating *Sida pallas*

Vital #21 animals  
collected in leaf mould  
~~under~~ in *Pisonia* grove.  
*Isopods* generally common,  
but great concentration  
under one coral boulder.  
*Tenatellinids* on ~~the~~ decaying  
*Pisonia* twigs. *Pupillids*  
loose in soil.

Temp. of very small  
pools at 7:20 a.m. is  $84^{\circ}\text{F}$ ,  
of dry rock adjacent  $85^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

The inner beach is lined  
with tall *Scaevola* scrub  
with some *Messerschmidia*.  
The north passage beach  
with ~~the~~ *Scaevola* wind-  
beaten *Scaevola* scrub  
with *Terminalia* *guettarda*.

The outer beach has  
an extensive bare stripped  
area, then, on <sup>on fine gravel</sup> sandy flat  
a belt of *Lepturus*-*Portulaca*  
with *Portulaca* more  
abundant on the outer  
edge, on extreme outer  
edge many *Portulaca*  
seedlings only, inner  
part with scattered shrubs

of *Scaevola* and *Messerschmidia*.  
Then a belt of low  
*Pisonia* scrub (gradually  
merging around passage  
beaches into *Scaevola*  
scrub of inner beach.  
This belt giving way  
to *Pisonia* grove which  
occupies center of islet.  
This is an acre or two  
in extent. Trees wind-sheared  
to about 6-8 m., trunks  
3-4 dm. or less thick, tops  
forming a fairly complete  
canopy, still green but  
beginning to lose leaves  
in places. Spacing averages  
3-4 m., no undergrowth  
except occasional  
*Pisonia* seedlings or sprouts, except  
in openings left by fallen trees,  
which are choked with sprouts.  
Ground in grove covered by  
decayed twigs. Soil black, in  
some places pure tough peat,  
(sample #14), pH 5.5-6, 5-8 ~~cm~~ cm. thick,  
in other places with some  
admixture of pebbles, sand, etc.  
(sample #15), pH 8, always  
shallow, underlain by loose  
coral gravel; cobbles + boulders  
scattered on surface. *Pisonia*  
root systems spreading  
just under surface, no (p. 85)



Dec. 7 - Passage bet. Raa Jermen and Taka Islets.

At low tide there is a current of water a few inches deep flowing into the lagoon. The rock surface is pitted with solution (?) basins a few inches across each with a handful of gravel in it, which has evidently pot-holed the basins to a more or less hemispherical shape. The rims are elevated a fraction of an inch above the surrounding flattish surface.

33753 *Dictyosphaeria cavernosa* (Forssk.) Børg.  
on boulder on reef flat

5 54 *Cladophora* or *Spermothamnion* (det. Taylor)  
lining interior of solution basins

2 55 ? *Valoniopsis pachynema* (Mart.) Børg.  
in depressions in reef

1 56 *Microdictyon okamarai* Setch. (det. Taylor)  
on pebbles and cobbles on reef flat

5 57  
on reef flat outside of islet

2 { 58  
2 { 59

on pebbles or pieces of coral on reef

pronounced tap roots. A few trees tipped over by typhoon. Openings around edges have *hida* and *Achyrocline*, separately, each forming low scrub, locally, in them, but openings mainly *Lepturus*.

Temperatures at noon in grove 1 m. alt. 86°F., close to boulders 84.5°F., ground level 83°F.

Terns abundant, esp. fairy terns - nesting. Noddies + boobies also present. One bristle-thighed Curlew seen.

(det. Taylor 1955) green.

1955) yellow felt, binding fine sand.

(det. Taylor 1955) pale green, very coarse mat.

1955) green, in one plane.

holding fine sand or silt in a putty-like mass, reddish-pink on surface, greenish within. rose-pink, thin coating on rocks.

flat in pot-holes.



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on *Lambis* shell on reef

<sup>WAB work</sup>  
Dec. 9 - Eluk Islet

Bag sample <sup>#14</sup> ~~14~~ contains screenings from surface layers ~~under~~ <sup>in</sup> *Messerschmidia* scrub - Pupillidae and perhaps other snails, also sub-fossil marine echinoids.

Vial ~~22~~ <sup>23</sup> - insects secured sweeping *Lepturus* upens.

Vial 23 animals secured around roots of *Lepturus*.

Vial 24 insects secured sweeping *Fluviya undecalis*.

Vial 25 animals from under *Messerschmidia* barks.

Vial 26 Earthworms from under rotting coconut log.

Vial 27 Grasshoppers from grassy openings, common. *Geophilids* larvae, etc. from under *Pisonia*.

red filaments, giving surface a stringy feel.

Jar #3 contains hermit crabs found up between stilt roots of *Pandanus* and a ~~two~~ skink, from Taka Islet, Taka Atoll, a land crab found under a boulder on *Raajerun* Islet in *Pisonia* grove, skink (wrapped in cloth) from same place; hermit crab from *Lambis* shell on reef between Taka and *Raajerun* Islets, below low tide level; land crab found under <sup>rotting</sup> coconut log, and gecko found under loose bark of dead *Messerschmidia* tree, on *Eluk* Islet.

<sup>Log 100</sup>  
The land crab from *Raajerun* was generally dark purple, the one from *Eluk* gray-brown, appendages banded with lighter gray.



sparse Messerschmidia  
scrub with openings

- 33761 Boerhavia  
on broken <sup>coral</sup> rock in opening in  
~~at Boerhavia~~ also on coral gravel.  
on broken coral rock in opening in

- 62 Boerhavia x?  
on broken coral rock in opening  
also on coral gravel.

- 63 ~~Boerhavia~~ Albugo platensis  
infecting Boerhavia #33762

- 64 Fleurya ruderalis <sup>Card.</sup>  
abundant in openings  
especially on broken  
rock, but also on gravel,  
rarely on logs or  
sloping tree trunks.

- 65 Boerhavia  
common in opening  
and at edges, on broken  
coral and coral gravel.

prostrate, leaves thick,  
white beneath, stems  
scarcely reddish; flowers  
pink. Plant infected  
with albugo.

prostrate; leaves  
thick, ~~stems~~ white  
beneath, stems reddish.  
~~not much~~ infected  
with albugo.

altering habit of  
infected branches from  
elongate, prostrate,  
to erect, short.

erect, stems fleshy,  
green, no red color.  
(green dominant  
color on this islet,  
very little trace of  
red or bronze seen).

prostrate, stems  
reddish; leaves  
scarcely thick, white  
beneath, flowers pink.  
Not infected by albugo.



on seaward reef on  
south-west corner of  
islet

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1 on clump of *Porolithon*, sponges  
in crack on outer edge  
of reef flat, back of  
lithothamnion ridge

1 67 *Caulerpa uvilliana* Mont.? (det. Taylor  
same.

3 68 *Porolithon*  
on outer reef flat, among  
living coral back of litho-  
thamnion ridge

3 69 *Porolithon*  
same

3 70 algae  
growing on *Porolithon*

2 71 algae *Myxophyceae* incl. - ? *Phormidium*  
forming thin fur on rock  
on inner half of reef flat  
between tides, holding fine sand

2a. { 72 *Porolithon*  
73 *Porolithon* *gardineri* (Foslie) Foslie f. *gardineri*

{ 74 *Porolithon*  
75 *Porolithon* - A *Porolithon* sp.  
76 *Porolithon* - E *Porolithon* sp.  
making up massive  
part of lithothamnion ridge

1 77 algae  
growing on ~~lithothamnion~~ *Porolithon*

78 lichen  
on bark of *Messerschmidia*, in sand

dark red.

1955)

green

rose pink, paler at  
tips

same

pale pink

(det. Taylor 1955) reddish.

det. Doty

bright rose-pink.

pinkish-white.



*Cluck Islet* is about three fourths covered with rather sparse Messerschmidia scrub, with some Scaevola especially along outer beach, scattered low scraggly Pisonia in interior, the scrub in places quite dense and tangled with fallen trees, in places open and with irregular openings. The southwest 1/4 was stripped bare by a typhoon, leaving in most places a thin gravel, with rock exposed in many places (see diagram). This gravel being colonized by Lepturus and Portulaca.

The wooded part of the islet is several feet higher than the denuded part. The southeast part is broken rock surrounded by a low ridge or rampart, the rock varying in size from small pieces 3-5 cm. thick to cobbles, more or less uniform locally, boulders scattered here and there, incl. large slabs of beach-rock far inland.

## Cluck Islet

Taka

Outer reef -



wooded part

stripped part  
beach-rock  
broken rock  
Lithothamnion  
Lepturus  
Portulaca



~~Clark Islet~~  
 Clark Islet is about three fourths covered with rather sparse Messerschmidia scrub, with some leasewoods especially along outer beach, scattered low scraggly Pisonias in interior, the scrub in places quite dense and tangled with fallen trees, in places open and with irregular openings. The southwest corner is striped bare

one rat seen in bush.

3 geckos and some eggs seen under bark of dead Messerschmidia but not caught. Skink seen but not caught.

One housefly and one bluebottle fly seen but not caught.

Otherwise no flies (of these sorts) seen on Taka at all.

thin A horizon here and there on gravelly part of islet, filled with roots, or under Pisonias, peaty.

## Clark Islet

Taka

Outer reef =



some Berberia mat, occasional Portulaca, no Lepturus except very locally in sand spots; much bare <sup>broken</sup> rock.

The inner beach, opposite the gravel part, backed by a low gravel ridge. The lagoon side of island has scrub much damaged by typhoon, with many fallen or broken trees, all pointing southward, many open places, some in center very sandy; these openings in various



beach rock almost surrounds  
this islet - placed away from S.E.  
corner to an erosion on the beach  
out medium tide. <sup>beach</sup> covered  
by seaward ridge.

West end (beach material mostly  
shifted off). Several kinds of  
beach rock both inward and  
outward dipping.

Rubble deposit in lagoon opposite  
this and extending some distance  
eastward.

Eastern passage coast filled  
with cobbles, also half way  
along seaward coast, to about  
3 m. above h.t. no sand. <sup>also 1/4 way back</sup>  
Lagoon beach, back of beach rock,  
has a gravel ridge with sand.

seen but not caught.

mostly and one bluebottle  
seen but not caught.

wise no flies (of their sort)  
on Taka atoll.

you hear and there on gravelly  
islet, filled with roots.  
Pisonia, peaty.

The Messerschmidia  
is mostly 2-3 m. tall,  
with scattered trees  
to 5 or 6 m. The *Pisonia*  
is mostly in the central  
and eastern part, the  
*Scaevola* mostly in  
the western, sandier part.

The openings in the  
gravelly part have  
*Lepturus*, *Portulaca*, and  
*Fleurya*, the latter  
forming dense clumps  
and patches, with  
*Boerhavia* mats.

The openings in the rocky  
part have principally  
*Fleurya* stands,  
some *Boerhavia* mats,  
occasional *Portulaca*,  
no *Lepturus* except very  
locally in sand spots;  
much bare <sup>broken</sup> rock.

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a low gravel ridge. The  
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some in center very sandy;  
these openings in various



stages of colonization by  
*Lepturus* and *Portulaca*,  
 from abundant seedlings  
 to almost closed bunch grass.

Many fallen trees  
 in scrub, mostly fallen  
~~and~~ southwestward.

Total flora (as far as observed)  
*Messerschmidia argentea*  
*Lepturus repens*  
*Flourensia ruderalis*  
*Scaevola frutescens*  
*Portulaca lutea*  
*Boerhavia diffusa*  
*Boerhavia tetrandra*  
*Albugo platensis*  
*Pisonia grandis*  
*Cocos nucifera* (4 plants)  
*Triumfetta procumbens* (one plant)  
 (one plant on lagoon beach)

Most of day thinly overcast  
 occasional clouds, gentle  
 trade-wind breeze.

Noon temperatures:

ground level in shade  $92^{\circ}\text{F.}$  &  $91^{\circ}\text{F.}$

1 m. high in shade  $86^{\circ}\text{F.}$

1 m. high in sun  $88^{\circ}$ ,  $89^{\circ}\text{F.}$

varies with brightness of sun  
 and changes of strength of wind.

Clouded over at about 4 p.m.,  
 breeze freshened, showers in  
 distance.

at 5:15 p.m. temperature

1 m. from ground  $82.5^{\circ}\text{F.}$

on ground  $83.5^{\circ}\text{F.}$

during a light shower  
 temp. dropped to  $77.5^{\circ}\text{F.}$ ,  
 after shower rose to  $79^{\circ}\text{F.}$   
 dropped to  $78.5^{\circ}$ , then rose  
 to  $81^{\circ}$ .

At 7:10 p.m. it was  $81^{\circ}\text{F.}$

At 2 a.m. (Dec. 10) it was  $81^{\circ}\text{F.}$

This islet is one vast  
 tern rookery, with thousands  
 of sooty terns, many  
 Noddies (prob. both species)  
 and great numbers of  
 fairy terns, all nesting.

*Gygis alba* lays eggs  
 on the bare branches where-  
 ever there is a knot-hole  
 or slight irregularity,  
 scattered generally  
 over island, young in  
 various stages.

Noddies make nests  
 of sticks and leaves,  
 in trees and on ground  
 on open ~~to~~ pebble flats  
 on ~~at~~ end of island, in trees  
 generally over island. Larger  
 brownish bird mostly seen  
 in trees and on ground,  
 smaller blackish one with

*a. stolidus*

*a. tenuirostris*



whiter crown in trees.

Eggs light colored, only lightly speckled.

Sooty terns ~~are~~ gregarious on seaward side of atoll, ground locally blackened with them, the ground under the seaward row of Messerschmidia bushes scattered with their eggs, laid on gravel or sand with absolutely no nest. Eggs variously colored from grayish to brownish, variously mottled and speckled with brown or dark brown.

When approached these birds rise with deafening clamor by thousands.

Camped on lagoon side - at about 6:30 <sup>a.m.</sup> a great horde of sooty terns came circling over camp, screaming and squawking, and kept this up continuously till after 7 a.m.

One flock of turnstones on w. end of island on reef flat and rubble bars.

Three Sula leucogaster seen flying over lagoon at 8:30 a.m. (only ones seen at Taka).

Taka - general.

No flies seen here (except, on ~~Club~~ <sup>which</sup> which may have come with us.) One mosquito (Aedes sp.) seen on Taka islet.

No frigate birds, no plovers.

Flora sparse - no Thuarea, no Ipomoea, no weeds, no Euphorbia, no Allophylus, no Calophyllum, little Suriana.

Vial 66 - material collected by Berlese funnel from leaf-mold from under Pisonia trees, ~~Club~~ <sup>Is.</sup>   
 ~~Watercock I.~~



Dec. 11 anchored in lagoon  
11 p.m. wet bulb  $28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $28.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
(this wet bulb figure may be  
unreliable)

Dec. 12 anchored in lagoon  
9 a.m. wet bulb  $26^{\circ}\text{C}$  dry  $27.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
sunny with moderate  
cumulus clouds, moderate  
trade wind breeze.

<sup>Late</sup>  
Dec. 12 Lado Islet  
4 p.m. wet bulb  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $29^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
sunny, clear blue  
sky except for clouds  
around horizon (up to  $30^{\circ}$ )  
moderate trade wind breeze.

~~11:50~~ 11:50 p.m. almost clear  
sky, light breeze.  
wet bulb  $25.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ , dry  $26.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

and passage  
seaward beached with dense  
scrub composed mainly of  
*Scaevola*, *Terminalia*, and *Quettarda*

Dec. 13 8:15 a.m. almost clear  
sky, light breeze  
wet bulb  $25.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
12:05 p.m. slightly more cloudy  
but still mainly blue sky.  
breeze slightly stronger  
wet bulb  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $29^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

<sup>Late</sup>  
Dec. 12 - Lado Islet -  
outer reef, low tide,  
moonlight.

reef flat almost  
devoid of life. - several  
small fish, two spiny  
lobsters.

Lithothamnion ridge  
has large pencil-spine  
sea urchins in somewhat  
sheltered places.

A spectacular species  
of *Porolithon* very common,  
colonies spherical, up  
to size of human head,  
of closely packed cylindrical  
branches.

some *Pandanus* and *Occhrosia*.  
Circular passage beach.

3:10 p.m. same  
wet bulb  $26^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $28^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

10:05 p.m. sky almost cloudless  
breeze very slight  
wet bulb  $25.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $26.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



Dec. 12 Likiep Islet  
coconut plantation west  
of village

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on ground in path.

s 80

on base of coconut tree

s 81

on wet earth in small tree pit.

Dec. 12 Lado Islet  
scrub on passage and  
~~scrub~~ outer beaches.

- s 82 *Ochrosia oppositifolia* (Lam.) K. Schum.  
rare, in interior of scrub.

- v 83 *Terminalia samoensis* Rech. v  
common on outer edge of scrub

- v 84 *Cordia subcordata* Lam. v  
occasional along passage beach

- 1 85 *Barringtonia asiatica* (L.) Kurz  
drift fruit picked up on  
outer beach, no trees  
seen.

- s 86 *Cladophora* sp. + *Polysiphonia* (det. Taylor  
abundant in beach drift  
at high tide marks

small tree 5-6 m. tall,  
milky sap, flowers  
white, very fragrant.  
fruit green, old ones under tree.  
shrubs 1-2 m. tall; leaves  
leathery; flowers fragrant;  
fruit immature (fl. & fr. from  
different plants).  
large rounded spreading  
tree with dense branching  
reaching to ground, making  
a small thicket of one tree;  
flowers orange; fruit dry,  
black, when ripe.  
must have drifted a long time,  
judging from worn appearance  
and growth of *Lysozoo* on surface.

1955)

green



- 33787 *Polyporus cinnabarinus*  
on dead pandanus trunk  
88 *Suriana maritima* L. ✓  
one plant in edge of beach scrub  
on outer beach

Dec. 13 - Lado Islet, southeast  
open coconut grove, with  
grassy ground cover.

- 89 *Polypodium scolopendria* Burm. f. ✓  
common, especially under  
trees  
90 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Henr. ✓  
common, dominant locally  
91 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. & A. ✓  
very common locally  
92 *Hedyotis biflora* (L.) Lam. ✓  
local patches  
93 *Euphorbia charnisonis* Boiss. ✓  
one large colony seen  
94 *Fleurya ruderalis* Gand. ✓  
common, especially on  
patches of broken coral rock

Vial #28 *Astracosta* copepods from  
salt water at edge of passage  
beach at extreme low tide.  
(in separate box, for C. Waite.)

bright vermillion.

much branched  
large, bush 2.5 m. tall,  
wet with salt spray;  
flowers yellow.

rhizome horizontal,  
usually buried; fronds  
erect, series of intergrades  
- from fertile to sterile fronds.  
culms weak but ascending.

spreading tufts.

prostrate, somewhat  
malodorous when broken;  
flowers white, corolla tube  
- globose, lobes little spreading  
stems ascending,  
sap milky; floral  
glands greenish.  
- stems fleshy, red.

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Librief Atoll Marshall Is.

Dec. 13 - Lado Islet, south end  
 Inner third of south hook  
 of islet extremely barren  
 in appearance, sparse  
*Lepturus*, *Fimbristylis*,  
*Triumfetta*, etc. only  
 luxuriance seen under  
*Pandanus* or *Quettarda*  
 trees, where seedlings  
 very abundant. *Cassytha*  
 mats here very sparse  
 and yellow.

spare  
 coconut  
 grove  
 with some  
*Pandanus*  
 + *Quettarda*.

Soil Profile #17 taken here,  
 also water sample LW-2.

This hole is 175' north of  
 passage beach and 221' east  
 of lagoon beach. At 1:30 p.m.  
 water was struck at 5.5'.

The hole was dug perhaps 0.5'  
 deeper, in same material.

The profile has 3 layers.

Layer 1 - 0-0.6', is of fine  
 reddish gray (5YR-5/2) sand  
 under a pebbly surface, with  
 much pebbly coral in it,  
 structure friable fairly compact.  
 texture - fine sand with pebbles.  
~~Layer 2 - 0.6-3.0'~~ grass roots  
 and some coconut roots.

Sample 17-1

Layer 2 - 0.6-3.0' pinkish  
 white to pink (5YR-8/2-8/3),  
 some lenses stained slightly  
 grayish.

structure loose, granular.  
 texture sand of varying  
 fineness, sorted somewhat  
 in lenses, with many  
 water-worn pebbles  
 and cobbles, mostly  
 somewhat flattened,  
 arranged horizontally.  
 some coconut roots.

Sample 17-2 3.0-6.0'

Layer 3 - white to pink  
 (5YR-8/1, 8/2, 8/3) in a granular  
 mixture.

structure ~~fine~~ <sup>very</sup> loose.  
 texture fine gravel  
 with pebbles up to  
 several inches across.

Sample 17-3

Water at 5.5' (at 1:30 p.m.)

Sample LW-2

84°F. hydrometer sp. gr. 0.9992 ± 1.  
 milky in appearance,  
 tastes perfectly good.

by 5:30 p.m. water level  
 had risen to 3.9'

by 10:30 p.m. it had disappeared  
 completely.

8:40 next morning 4.7'

Vial #29 - animals from  
 surface of ground in this sparse  
 barren area. incl. 2 sp. ants.  
 several shells that the <sup>large</sup> ants  
 were carrying.



The center third is a transition to the outer third. The

The outer third is also coconut plantation, but not so sparse. Perhaps crown cover 40-50%. Ground cover is mostly complete except in local <sup>inferred - like</sup> areas of broken coral rock (small pieces) with no sand, where *Fleurya* becomes abundant, though mostly quite dwarfed. Otherwise the background is a mixture of *Lepturus*, *Digitaria* and *Fimbristylis*, locally varying in proportions. The soil here is black, less rocky.

There are large colonies of *Wedelia* and ~~of~~ of *Euphorbia chaimissonis*, smaller ones of *Eragrostis amabilis*, and especially of *Polypodium scolopendria*. Small patches of *Hedyotis biflora* very dense.

Vial 30 - insects caught sweeping the grassy ground cover.

Water sample LW-1 is from an abandoned well in this area, with little water but at least 1' of soft mud in bottom, old coconuts, leaves, etc. Strong odor of  $H_2S$ .

Sample taken at 8:40 a.m.

79°F. hydrometer sp. gr. 0.9982

Well uncased, at lowest point in general land surface but no depression to speak of.

This type of vegetation makes up almost the entire main body of the islet, with scrub forest belt along entire seaward beach, with belt of *Wedelia* just back of it, this varying greatly in width, apparently due to vicissitudes in ~~low~~ clearing it out. Much burning.

Low mounds of broken coral scattered along entire seaward side of islet in coconut groves. *Fleurya* grows on these. Apparently in such places only does it compete successfully with general ground cover.



Dec. 14 Lado Islet

6:10 p.m. wet  $24.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  dry  $26.5^{\circ}$   
calm scattered clouds.

Vial 31 - beetles in ripe  
head of Pandanus fruit.  
(Drosophila seen also but not caught)

Vial 32 - bees - leaf-cutters  
entering and leaving  
holes in old drift-wood  
log on outer beach.  
Grasshoppers - common  
in grassy ground  
cover in coconut grove.

In south half of island  
are longitudinal depressions  
perhaps 1-1.5 m. below general  
level of island. Grass  
fairly luxuriant here.

One just back of seaward ridge on s. end.  
Soil profile #18 taken here.

Layer 1 - A horizon - 0-1.3' black  
to dark reddish brown or very  
dark gray (SYR-2/1-2/2-2/3/1)  
str. loose granular

tex. coarse sand and silt (?)  
with much coarse gravel.  
grass roots at top, coconut  
roots in bottom. sample 18-1.  
gradual transition over  
several inches to layer 2.

Layer 2 - 1.3'-2.5' pink (7.5YR-8/4)  
str. loose granular  
tex. coarse foraminiferous  
sand with embedded  
coral fragments up  
to several inches.  
few coconut roots.

~~abrupt~~  
abrupt transition to layer 3.

Layer 3 - 2.5-3.9' (+ hole not  
dug deeper) water at 2.5'  
str. loose.

tex. fine gravel,  
little included coarse  
material, practically  
no roots.

Water sample LW-2.

tastes very fresh.

Taken at 1:13 p.m.  $86^{\circ}\text{F}$  (had  
stood an hour or so after  
digging finished)

sp. gr. hydrometer 0.9974  
at  $87^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

air temp.  $91.5^{\circ}\text{F}$  in shade.



Dec. 14 - Lads Islet

seaward reef, near south end of islet

Reef flat of solution pitted rock sloping very gradually from foot of seaward dipping beach rock beds.

Rock covered almost everywhere with a belt of algae, rather loose, collecting and holding sand

Outer half of this has circular mushroom-like corals alive around edges (Prites?), these becoming abundant near outer edge. Whole reef possibly 150-200 m. wide

Reef flat, seaward reef.

33795 *Caulerpa uvilliana* Mont. (det. Taylor 1955)  
fairly common, in full sun

96 *Cladophora* sp. (det. Taylor 1955)  
tangled with other fine reds

97 *Valonia*? *ocellata*? juvenile? (det. Taylor 1955)  
tangled with other algae on outer frant.

98 *Udotea indica* A. and E. S. Gepp (det. Taylor 1955)  
with other small algae  
- tangled with *Caulerpa*

outer 10-15 m. is a ridge, up to 1.3 m. higher than bottom of flat behind it, of several species of coralline algae, mainly of compactly branching head-like types, bright rose-purple color; ridge very irregular, cut by deep surge channels.

Just behind this are jagged remnants of a higher reef surface, up to 1 m. or even more above flat.

green, turning yellowish, creeping, adhering closely to rock bottom.

outer frant

green, cells very large.

green, opaque.



33799 *Laurencia*? *perforata* (Bory) Mont.

5 common on outermost part of

33800 *Microdictyon okamurai* Setch. (det.

5 occasional on middle part of

5 01 *Liagora* (det. Taylor 1955)

occasional in outer part of

02 ~~red~~ *Centroceras clavulatum* (L. Ag.) Mont.

and *Polysiphonia*  
common on tufts of *Laurencia*,

*Caulerpa*, etc. near

outer edge of

5 {03 ~~red~~ *Centroceras*; *Cladophora* (det.

5 {04 ~~green~~ } (det. Taylor 1955)

forming loose felt on  
reef flat, holding sand.

on *Lithothamnion* ridge

03 ~~red~~ *Dictyosphaeria* sp. (det. Taylor 1955)

in interstices of *Prolithon*

06 *Dictyosphaeria*? *cavernosa*

on clumps of *Prolithon*

07 *Laurencia*? *perforata* (Bory) Mont. (det.

on clumps of *Prolithon*

08 ~~brown~~ *Pocockiella variegata* Lamx

on clumps of *Prolithon*

middle part of reef flat

09 forming felt on loose rubble  
collecting sand

(det. Taylor 1955)

small pink tufts.

(det. Taylor 1955)

flattened, curved, often  
nest-like; green.

(det. Taylor 1955)

reddish tufts. (prob.  
more than one species  
involved).

possibly not growing  
mixed but mixed  
in collecting pail.

bluish green

juvenile?  
(det. Taylor 1955)

green, cells large,  
turgid.

(det. Taylor 1955)

dark red, terete.

Papenf  
(det. Taylor 1955)

forming yellow-brown  
skins over *Prolithon*, closely  
adherent, like paint.



- on lithothamnion ridge
- 5/33810 *Prolithon craspedium* (Foslie) Foslie det. Doty  
 5 11 *Prolithon orboides* (Hayd.) Foslie det. Doty (with  
 5/11 12 *Prolithon goniolithon frutescens* Foslie  
 5/11 13 *Prolithon goniolithon* sp.  
 8 14 *Prolithon goniolithon frutescens* Foslie  
 8 15 *Prolithon*

33810, 11, 13 from landward side  
 of ridge, 33812, 14, 15 from further out)

Dec. 14 Lads Islet, south end  
 in coconut grove, dry  
 sparse aspect.

to at foot of

- 2 16 *algae*  
 at foot of old coconut tree, on soil.
- 5 17 *algae*  
 common, forming crust on soil,  
 cracking and curling up  
 in dry weather

moister more grassy aspect,  
 toward outer beach.

- 5 18 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.  
 scattered in coconut grove

- 5 19 *Wedelia biflora* (L.) D.C.  
 large patches, especially  
 along inner edge of  
 scrub belt of seaward ridge.

- 3 20 *Cinnam pedunculatum* R. Br.  
 planted and spontaneous  
 around dwellings and paths

with goniolithon  
 spp.)  
 another species  
 toward back  
 of ridge

(possibly several forms  
 in this no. yes det. Doty)

33815 E, F, I: *Prolithon gardineri* (Foslie) Foslie  
*P. gardineri*

33815 A, D, C, G, J, P. g. f. *subhemisphaerica* Foslie

33815 H *P. sp.* (with goniolithon spp.)  
 B, *Prolithon*

forming black crust

tree 8 m. tall; fruit ripe,  
 fleshy part orange,  
 very sweet, strong  
 banana flavor. "kero"  
 herb up to 1 m. tall,  
 tending to be tangled;  
 aromatic when broken,  
 flowers yellow.

caespitose, up to 1 m. tall,  
 inner segments  
 all white. flowers fragrant, maroon without  
 white within, filaments maroon



central part of island,  
grassy ground cover  
under coconuts.

- 33821 *Premna obtusifolia* R.Br.  
a few trees in central depression  
22 *Vigna marina* (Burrm.) Merr.  
large patch near lagoon  
5 33 *Hibiscus tiliaceus* L.  
single tree near center of  
island in depression

- 5 24 *mon*  
on lower side of leaning  
coconut trunk  
5 25 *Cleocharis obtusa* (Willd.) Schult.  
on bare ~~decaying~~ decaying  
mud of long-abandoned  
taro pits.

- 5 26  
drying crust on bare  
muddy bottom of  
long-abandoned taro pit.

- 2 27 *mon*  
on side of well depression

- 2 28 *mon*  
on vertical side of well  
5 29 *Euphorbia thymifolia* ~~prostrata~~ Ait.  
around edge of well near house

- 5 30 *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urban  
local, nearer lagoon beach

- 2 31 *green algae*  
in ~~at~~ well, on gravel  
and floating (well in use)

small bushy trees  
5 m. tall aromatic  
when broken  
prostrate; peduncles  
erect, flowers yellow.  
spreading tree 8 m. tall,  
branches reaching  
ground; flowers yellow  
with maroon center.

tufts.

yellow-green before  
drying.

prostrate, purplish.

prostrate.



- 33832 *Phyllanthus niruri* L.  
 5 common locally around well  
 2 33 *Spergularia*  
 in water of well

Soil sample #19 - peat, etc.  
 from upper 6" in bottom  
 of old, long-abandoned  
 taro pit. tough, dark brown,  
 root-filled.  
 Two old coconut trees growing  
 in bottom.

Bottom bare of vegetation  
 except for a few tufts of  
*Elerodanis* and an algal  
 skin, desiccating.  
 Side slopes with *Fimbristylis*,  
 etc.

Soil beneath peat 5-6" gray.

This from north central  
 part of island. A number  
 of such pits more or  
 less identical.

A few show some recent  
 digging, and these show  
 signs of hog-wallowing.

Vegetation open coconut  
 grove with thick grass  
 ground cover, mainly  
*Digitaria*, with scattered  
*Tacca* (some tubers seen)

erect.

green, very slimy

harvested here, scattered  
 patches of *Polypodium*,  
 large areas of solid  
*Euphorbia chamissonis*,  
 occasional *Trumpetia*.  
*Pandanus* scattered  
 in grove.

- *Clerodendrum*  
*Wedelia* belt along inner  
 side of seaward ridge,  
 inside scrub belt, in  
 places much wider, tangled with young  
 coconuts.  
 Some areas show  
 results of burning  
 grass - fire apparently  
 originating when  
 piles of coconut rubbish  
 are burned.

Central depression in southern  
 central part has  
*Pisonia*, *Hibiscus*, breadfruit  
 trees.

Breadfruit and *Calophyllum*  
 around region of  
 dwellings in south  
 central part, lagoon half.



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4 p.m. almost clear sky  
gentle breeze  
wet bulb  $25.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  dry  $28^{\circ}\text{C}$ .


6 p.m. almost clear sky,  
almost calm. wet bulb  $24.8$ , dry  $26.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Central part of islet -  
several water-holes -  
some mosquito larval -  
Vial #33, and many  
Cyclops from a well with  
rotting coconuts and  
leaves in it - Vial #34.

~~45~~  
North end of islet -  
A old tar pit just in  
from passage beach - rather  
recently cleaned, then  
apparently abandoned  
again - coconut seedlings  
1 m. tall in it. - *Eleocharis*  
and *Cyperus* abundant.  
Soil sample #20 is  
much from here. The  
soft material is at least

1.5' deep. sample from  
top 10". pH 8 (3 tests, Turq.)  
This depression is  
much more extensive  
than the recently cleaned  
part. The rest is a  
thicket of *Premna* and  
*Clodendrum*.

North tip drawn out  
into a finger like pro-  
jection, quite narrow.  
Proximal half, very open  
coconut grove, grass  
~~at deep~~ ground-cover,  
much *Euphorbia*.  
Distal half with broken  
undergrowth of *Scaevola*  
becoming denser toward  
tip; beach fringe complete  
on seaward facing side,  
hooking around perhaps  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  the way on the lagoon  
side, sparser here.

Beach rock dipping  
outward lines beach  
on both sides. Near  
distal end of lagoon  
side is an outwardly  
curved ~~arc~~ arc, following  
for a short distance the  
inward-projecting sand  
spit extending from end of  
point. ~~thru~~ 



Dec. 15 - <sup>Milad Tule</sup> islet n. of Lado  
surrounded by  
Scaevola scrub with  
some Luriana, etc.  
sparse coconut grove,  
inland, with sparse  
ground cover of Fimbristylis, much bare  
ground showing, with  
algal crust.

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crust in bare soil  
35 Fimbristylis cymosa R.Br.  
dominant in sparse ground-  
cover.

seaward part of island  
prolonged into a long  
curved neck. The island  
is only vegetated in the  
large lagoon-ward portion.  
The part of this most  
seaward is only scrub,  
sparse in the center.  
The narrow neck is  
absolutely bare, but  
here and there with some  
sand. The bedding of  
the rock is apparently  
horizontal.

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very common between tide  
on solution surface  
long cracks on reef surface,  
irregularly intersecting,

soil sample #21  
brown loose soil, at  
least 10" deep.

Coconuts with almost  
no inflorescences, some  
of them very slender  
and abnormal, mostly  
healthy-looking but just  
not producing nuts.

tufts, leaves stiffish.

Passage between islet and  
Lado has reef-rock  
eroded away seaward  
from lagoon in an irregular-  
ly scalloped manner,  
with an undercut  
shelf on inner side,  
mushroom rocks.

surface mostly very deeply  
pitted, tall rims around  
solution pits. Part near Lado  
has some loose detritus and  
has sharp edges abraded  
off.  
brown, firmly gelatinous.

solution-eroded to V-shape cross  
section. Origin not evident.



Dec. 15 - Lado Islet

- 33837 *Halimeda*  
bottom of lagoon end of south passage
- 2 38 *Halimeda*  
bottom of lagoon end of south passage
- 3 39 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) Ktze.  
open coconut plantation
- 4 40 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst.  
scattered, near dwellings,  
seedlings numerous under  
parent tree.
- 5 41 *Thuarea involuta* (Forst.) R. & S. v  
occasional in grass  
ground cover.
- 5 42 *Euphorbia heterophylla* L. v  
common very locally, near  
cemetery.
- 5 43 *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) Don v  
local, in cemetery
- 1 44 ~~Cat~~ *Sida fallax* Walp. v  
one plant seen, in coconut  
grove
- 5 45 *Cyperus odoratus* L. v  
small colony in muchy  
organic soil in old taro pit.
- 5 46 *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn. v  
thicket in old taro pit,  
also along inner edge of  
beach scrub.
- 5 47 *Pemphis acidula* Forst. v  
one tree on extreme west  
point of island, on  
sand-covered beach-rock.

gray-green, rooted in  
sand.  
- flowers green, filiform  
bracts purple.  
- tree 8 m. tall, sap  
milky.

prostrate, mat-forming;  
flowering branches erect.

erect; bracts partly  
red.

flowers white.

erect.

tangled sprawling  
shrub, forming  
masses up to 3 m. tall;  
flowers white with  
maroon stamens & style.  
- gnarled old tree, 2 m.  
tall; ~~fls.~~ leaves  
astringent; flowers  
white.



- 33848 *Portulaca samoensis* v. Bell.  
common in thin spots  
in ground cover on  
gravel soil.
- 5 49 *Premna obtusifolia* R. Br.  
local around old  
taro pits and depressions,  
forming thickets.
- 2 50 *Bryophyllum pinnatum*  
local around ~~the~~  
depression in  
center of island.

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- 5 51  
on surface of wet soil  
in old taro pit.
- 2 52 *Pisonia grandis* R. Br.  
a few scattered trees  
in beach scrub-forest
- 2 53 *Jussiaea*  
two plants seen in taro pit
- 2 54 *Paspalum vaginatum* Sw.  
abundant in and around  
taro pits
- 5 55  
on dead part of *Pisonia* tree  
in beach scrub forest
- 2 56  
on bark of dead part of *Pisonia*  
tree in beach scrub forest.
- 2 57 *Canavalia microcarpa* (D.C.) Piper  
in inner edge of beach  
scrub-forest.

prostrate, root tuberos.  
leaves fleshy, flat;  
flowers yellow.

small bushy tree  
5 m. tall, lemon-scented  
when broken; flowers  
green; "kaai".  
leaves very thick;  
sterile.

(Lam.) Kurz

pinkish gray, crumbly-  
gelatinous.

old scraggly tree,  
partly dead; sterile.

sterile.

sterile; culms erect  
or ascending

cream-white in color,  
darker above.

extensive vine, climbing  
over trees; flowers  
magenta.



- 32858 *Russelia equisetiformis* Schlecht. <sup>✓</sup>  
occasionally cultivated  
around houses
- 59 *Cyperus javanicus* Houtt. <sup>✓</sup>  
rare around buildings,  
lagoon side of island

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- 60 *Barringtonia asiatica* (L.) Kurz <sup>✓</sup>  
at top of beach  
possibly from drift seed.

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on rotting coconut petiole

Vial 35 - insects picked  
up around camp. Termites  
had collected on bottom of  
a wooden box but had  
made no burrows.

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Vial 36 - animals found  
under bark of dead part  
of *Prisonia* tree in beach  
scrub forest - lower layer.  
Upper layer - cochineal scales  
found on *Scaevola* leaves.  
~~*Athera*~~

a Cham.

plant caespitose,  
stems anchoring -  
procumbent; flowers red.  
small tufts.

seedling 0.5 m. tall.

Vial 37 - orb weaving  
spiders.



Dec. 18 - Islet just inside passage - sand piled up, a few coconuts - other trees.

Islet to rt. of passage - sand dune on inner corner next to passage.

Little beach scrub except on outer part of passage beach, some along seaward beach.

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Islet to left. - Passage beach well lined with *Scaevola* - seaward beach has *Scaevola* fringe + row of *Messerschmidia* just inside it. Coconuts close to beach.

Low cliff of rock below seaward beach at mid-tide (?) (9:45 a.m.)

MacNeil brought pieces of *Russelia equisetiformis*, *Catharanthus roseus* + *Euphorbia heterophylla* from Enijara I.

and reported a mangrove depression, apparently with *Barringtonia*, on Jeltenet Islet!

following

Viewed from sea as ship went by.

→ south end is low scrub for about  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of islet, scattered coconuts on distal half.

4 of the 6 small islets between this and Likiep - well wooded with a few coconuts. The second and fifth only have low scrub.

Likiep Islet - seaward beach with scrub fringe the whole length except for a short stretch near w. end. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  on the east opposite the village is low and sparse, seen from the sea.



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Dec. 16 - Likiep, Islet  
east passage beach  
has areas of shingle  
with no vegetation.  
Messerschmidia forest  
backed by Pandanus  
forest, between shingle  
and coconut plantation.

Coconut plantation  
on this end of islet  
has very rocky soil -  
mostly broken coral.  
this becomes a shallow  
blackish soil further  
north, then varies  
to broken coral with  
~~no~~ sand that has  
not much organic  
matter. The ~~no~~ north  
end of the islet has  
partly this and  
partly blackish soil.  
The coconuts are at  
a moderate distance  
apart. The ground cover  
is generally grassy -  
Lepturus, Digitaria, and  
Fimbristylis, varying  
in proportions. one or  
other dominant. Locally  
but sometimes over large  
areas Euphorbia cham-  
issonis becomes dominant,  
almost pure stands.

Likiep Atoll

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Polypodium scolopendria  
forms colonies, especially  
under trees. Wedelia  
forms patches locally,  
as does Vigna marina  
and Canavalia microcarpa.  
Trumpfetta procumbens  
is occasional, especially  
near lagoon. Tacca  
is occasional, especially,  
inland. Cassytha  
forms mats here and there.  
Pandanus is scattered  
in this plantation as



of point with bare beach, rocks,  
very complicated pattern



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 This becomes a shallow  
 blackish soil further.

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Likiep, Atoll

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 near lagoon. *Tacca*  
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 forms mats here and there.  
*Pandanus* is scattered  
 in this plantation, as  
 are *Morinda*, *Calophyllum*,  
 and *Guetarda*. *Artocarpus*  
 is very common near  
 and in the village and  
 around dwelling, but  
 not directly on the  
 lagoon beach and not  
 near the seaward beach.

There are a few old  
 taro pits, some of which  
 have been cleaned out  
 and replanted in recent  
 years, but which are  
 mainly choked by  
*Paspalum vaginatum*,  
*Cyperus odoratus*, etc.  
 Soil very peaty & mucky.

A few plants of *Cyrtosperma*  
 are in some of the  
 patches, esp. those



belonging to Anton De Brum, who says that several years ago there was a revival of interest in taro culture, but that it has died down now and all pits have been abandoned but his.

Further west, where the soil is poorer, the ground cover becomes very thin. *Portulaca samoensis* becomes common, as does *Thunaea* locally, and *Eragrostis amabilis*. There is one colony of *Rhoediscoln* established.

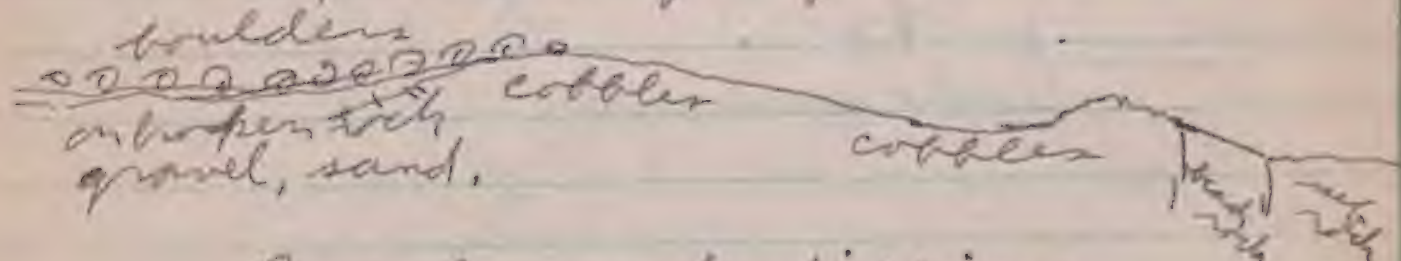
Near east passage, back of village, is a large open grassy space. Here there is better soil, not deep (1 dm. ±) but bluish. Used at one time as a baseball diamond.

Along seaward beach directly back of village, for at least 1/2 the length of this coast (east) there is a sparse mixed scrubby forest belt at least up to 30-40 m. wide. This has grassy

or rocky openings, is of *Messerschmidia*, *Scaevola*, *Guettarda*, festooned by *Cassytha*. *Wedelia* forms, in places, a tangled undergrowth. A few scattered scrubby *Pisonia* trees.

Here the seaward ridge is back 30-40 m. from edge of ocean, sloping to it, but eastward developing a second, lower ridge immediately back of beach; both ridges mainly of cobbles. Get a bit closer together eastward. Coconuts to top of inner ridge. Boulders abundantly scattered in plantation for at least 75 m. in from inner ridge.

General profile:



Beach rock dipping seaward all along this beach. Old and eroded.



about 200-300 m. from end of east point, coconuts cease and vegetation is mixed forest of *Quettarda*, *Messerschmidia*, a few *Pandanus*, a few *Pisonia*, *Scaevola* undergrowth, tangled with *Weedelia*, all on very cobbly soil.

This gets lower seaward, and *Scaevola* becomes *Scaevola* scrub, then disappears about 50-75 m. from point, except as *Scaevola* somewhat follows the cobble ridge around periphery of bare area. This bare part of point is illustrated, with its complicated series of beach rock, in the accompanying drawing.

(p. 132-3.)

Weeds seen:

Likiep - general.

Birds seen:

Common noddy.

Fairy terns (occasional)

Golden plover (occasional)

(Dec. 15) flock of 4 on reef flat at Lighthouse

(Dec. 16) Turnstones (several small flocks seen, one of 2 birds on Likiep I.)

(Dec. 15) One white reef heron (Lighthouse)

(Dec. 14) One New Zealand Cuckoo (Likiep seaward beach)

Rats (*R. exulans*?) on both Lads and Likiep I.

Lizards - skink, gecko (not caught) big green large gecko (not seen but reported by Father McCarthy) large black skink (not seen, reported by Father McCarthy)

Pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, humans seen on Likiep.

Jan #4: Lizards from Lads Islet. Hermit crabs from Lads.



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Dec. 18 - at house

2:35 p.m. sky mostly overcast gentle breeze wet bulb  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $28^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

8:45 p.m. bright sunny sky. calm. wet bulb  $25.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $26.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

7 lock of 15 Frigatebirds seen (breast white) over islet. 1 Laysan Albatross, ~~1~~ 1 Laysan Albatross seen near islet.

Common noddies occasional. Fairy tern occasional.

Birds obviously common, judging from staining of *Pisonia* leaves and ground by guano.

Vial 38 - scorpion found on house floor, insects caught around light.

Jar #5 - snails found on rocks above high tide level - crab found in same place. Hermit crabs found at top of beach. at least two species of land-crabs, the flat ones not found

land piled quite high on east side. Here there is much fine gray to black pumice, in pebbles from minute to several inches thick (sample #22), several of which (sample #23) are covered partly by a mat of roots - not possible to say what kind. Two large cobbles of a coarse black scoriaceous pumice, very water-worn also found (sample #24).

In box of Jerns insects - moths that came to light. also snail shells found at edge of *Scaevola* fringe at top of beach.

far from beach, the thick purple ones found anywhere on island. Lizards, skinks, very common, especially around house, mostly on ground.



Undisturbed beach showed 44 turtle tracks, fresh enough to still show footprints, indicating that at least 22 turtles had come up to the top of the beach to lay eggs. ~~Holes~~ Depressions in the ground indicated where eggs had been deposited. (Photos of tracks)

Went out at 2 a.m. found only two new tracks, found the turtle that made them heading back toward the sea. turned him over to be photographed in the morning. He was very large and heavy, measured over 30" across and 4' from nose to tip of tail (head withdrawn in).

No new tracks in the morning.

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Vial #40 - larvae with cases were on decaying coconut leaves forming side wall of porch of house, common. Ants on *Phyllanthus niruri* plants (same sp. as in Vial 39). Orb-weaving spiders between young coconut seedlings, *Pisonia* seedlings, etc.



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Dec. 19 - mostly cloudy  
frequent showers  
sun for short periods  
almost calm  
wet bulb  $27.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . dry  $28.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

broken cloud, moderate  
breeze  
wet bulb  $26^{\circ}\text{C}$  dry  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Pisonia grove - extends  
in a narrow belt along  
the west side of the  
island on the high  
ridge back of the beach.

Trees 60-70' tall, ~~to~~ up  
to ~~10"~~ 13' circumference  
breast high (large branch  
below this on one measured);  
8-20' apart, canopy  
almost complete, no  
undergrowth except  
~~for~~ Pisonia root sprouts.  
Ground well stained  
with guano.

Soil profile #25. (partial profile)  
3 layers - 2', not dug deeper.  
Layer 1 - dark reddish  
brown (5YR-3/2-2/2) <sup>peat</sup> 0-0.5'  
structure - tough but very

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friable when crushed.  
texture - very fine peat  
but with many roots.  
pH 6.5 sample 25-1.

sample 25-2  
Layer 2 - <sup>0.5-0.8'</sup> matrix very  
dark gray-brown (10YR-3/2)  
grains white (10YR-8/2)  
structure - weakly cemented,  
some parts can be crushed  
by strong pressure from  
fingers.

texture - cemented  
coarse sand, forming  
a soft rock. pH 7

sample 25-3  
Layer 3 - 0.8-2' + (hole not  
dug deeper), very dark  
brown (10YR-2/2) with  
tiny white grains.  
structure - loose.  
texture - sandy loam  
with gravel, becoming  
more rubblely downward.  
pH 8.

Another partial profile #26  
Layer 1 - 0-1' - dark reddish  
brown peat (5YR-2/2-3/2)  
structure - friable  
texture - fine powder  
with many roots.  
pH 4.5 (3 test. Juvog)

sample 26-1  
Underlain by a coarse ~~cement~~  
rubble of fragments of a  
cemented material



with a very dark brown  
(10YR-2/2) matrix  
and white grains.  
Sample 26-2  
located not far from #25

The ~~matrix~~ material  
in the second layer of  
these samples may  
well be cemented by  
phosphate. It seems  
characteristic in and  
immediately around  
the *Pisonia* grove.

At the north end  
the *Pisonia* grove has a  
grass ground cover.

Vial 39 - around roots and  
in depression ~~at~~ in base of  
*Pisonia* - ants had nest in  
this depression about 0.3 m.  
above ground. Sting and bite  
viciously. Isopods in  
same depression and in  
litter on forest floor. Pupillids  
mostly on ~~small~~ pieces of  
rock that seems to be the  
phosphate cemented material  
of samples 25-2 + 26-2.  
Ternatellinids on dead *Pisonia*  
leaves and twigs in depression  
on trunk. *Orbis* on ground.

Coconut grove - rather  
closely planted but  
with some sparser  
spots.  
Ground cover of *Lepturus*,  
*Triumfetta*, etc

Soil profile #27 (partial profile)  
0-3'4" four layers  
Layer 1 - black (10YR-2/1)  
0-0.7' pH 8 (true)  
Structure - crumbly.  
Texture - fine "silty" ~~or~~  
with some gravel,  
grass roots, some  
coconut roots. Sample 27-1  
Layer 2 - black (10YR-2/1)  
with conspicuous white  
grains. 0.7-1.1'  
Structure - loose rubble.  
Texture - mixture of  
"silt" and fragments,  
coconut roots.  
Sample 27-2.  
Layer 3 - salt & pepper  
mixture of dark gray  
(10YR-4/1) and light brown  
gray (10YR-6/2) 1.1-2.4'  
Structure - loose.  
Texture - loamy sand.  
Layer 4 - very pale brown (10YR-8/3)  
2.4' - ? hole not dug deeper.  
Structure - loose  
Texture - very coarse sand.



Coconut grove on ~~side~~ west side, adjoining *Pisonia* grove, also where house is situated, has a great many *Carica papaya* in second story, along with a few *Pandanus*. *Tacca* is common; *Canavalia* local, weeds such as *Eragrostis*, *Cenchrus*, *Euphorbia prostrata*, etc. local. Most of second story (or an intermediate story bet. second and ground cover, is of great numbers of coconut seedlings about 2 m. tall (to tips of leaves). A few trees of several years age, most rather tall. Many nuts on tall ones.

About the house is a veritable weed-patch - *Cenchrus* abundant, *Digitaria* also, *Euphorbia hirta*, *Carica*, *Physalis*, *Phyllanthus niruri*, and various obviously planted species, incl. *Antocarpus*, *Plumeria*, *Clerodendrum inermis*, *Pseuderanthemum*, *Agave*,

Many common noddies seen flying overhead. Some fairy terns, one or two boobies, and in evening, several frigate birds.

Vial 41 - ants on *Morinda* leaves... Larva on *Pisonia* tree. Spider on beach. & *Blattis* on ground in opening, under <sup>board</sup> ~~board~~.

Vial 42 - insects on small staminate *Carica papaya* inflorescences.

Curculionidae on *Scaevola* leaves - these with tissue very seriously eaten away in spots. Coccinellids also on *Scaevola* leaves. Blue Chrysomelid in fungi under bark of standing dead coconut tree. ~~Moth in ab-weaver's~~



Dec. 19 - in Coconut grove  
around house.

- 33862 *Agave sisalana* Perr. ✓  
a few plants around house
- 3 63 *Triumfetta procumbens* Forst. ✓  
very common in ground cover.
- 6 64 *Lepturus repens* (Forst.) R. Br. ✓  
very common in ground  
cover, pure stands ~~at~~  
locally.
- 2 65 *Plumeria rubra* L. ✓  
planted around house
- 2 66 *Pseuderanthemum* <sup>*cantharoides* var.</sup> ~~*atropurpureum*~~ (Bull.) Forst. ✓  
planted around house
- 2 67 *Clerodendrum inerme* (L.) Gaertn. ✓  
planted (?) near house
- 5 68 *Cenchrus echinatus* L. ✓  
abundant, especially near house
- 5 69 *Phyllanthus niruri* L. ✓  
abundant, especially near house
- 6 70 *Digitaria microbachne* (Presl) Hemsl. ✓  
abundant in ground cover.
- 2 71 *Calophyllum inophyllum* L. ✓  
planted around house.  
(also seen as germinating beach  
drift).
- 5 72 *Physalis angulatus* L. ✓  
common weed, especially  
near house.

sterile rosettes; leaves  
green, very fleshy.  
main stem prostrate,  
branches ascending;  
flowers yellow, opening  
at about 4 p.m.  
tangled mats from  
prostrate rhizomes and  
erect branches.

small tree; flowers  
cream white with  
yellow inside, fragrant.  
small tree 4 m. tall;  
leaves purple beneath,  
dark green above; sterile.  
small thicket; sterile.  
ascending to erect.

erect, up to 1 m. tall.

gnarled cut-back small  
tree; sterile.

extensive sprawling  
herb. flowers pale yellow,  
slightly reddish in throat.



- 37373 *Euphorbia hirta* L. ✓  
common around house
- 5 74 *Euphorbia prostrata* Ait. ✓  
very local in sparse places  
in ground cover.
- 6 75 *Eragrostis amabilis* (L.) W. & A. ✓  
occasional patches  
in ground cover, especially  
in interior.
- 5 76 *Eleusine*  
occasional clumps in  
openings

Dec. 20 - same

- 2 77 *Tacca leontopetaloides* (L.) Oakes ✓  
common in ~~plantations~~  
coconut grove
- 5 78 *Morinda citrifolia* L. ✓  
common in grove
- 5 79 *Boerhavia*  
common generally
- 5 80 *Flouya inderalis* Gaud. ✓  
common locally in rocky  
areas in center of island.
- 5 81 *Boerhavia*  
very local in openings.
- 2 82 *Carica papaya* L. ✓  
very common on west  
side of island in coconut  
grove.

- sprawling at base,  
erect at tip.
- prostrate, purplish.
- spreading tufts.
- clumps, almost erect.
- acaulescent, leaves  
and scapes erect.
- shrub 3-4 m. tall; leaves  
glossy; flowers white,  
fragrant; fruit white.
- forming large mats;  
flowers pink.
- erect, stems green,  
fleshy.
- prostrate, green;  
flowers pink.
- erect single-stemmed  
herb with great rosette  
of leaves, flowers  
cream-white.



*Pisonia* grove along west side - in open parts toward south end *Lepturus* in places forms a ground cover. Small colony of *Cordia* near beach. In south part *Messerschmidia* is becomes common, some of trees almost as tall as the *Pisonia*.

One *Pisonia* has several booby nests in it and quite an accumulation of guano under it.

Soil profile 28 Taken here.  
Layer 1 - 0-0.4' very dark brown (10YR-2/2) pH 5.0 (2 tiny tests)  
str. tough, friable when worked.

tex. fibrous, root-filled.

sample 28-1

Layer 2 - 0.4-0.7' color variable light and brown granular, averaging yellowish-brown (10YR-6/4) pH 8

structure - weakly consolidated, crumbling under strong pressure from fingers.

texture coarse sand, cemented.

Layer 3 - 0.7-? very dark gray-brown (10YR-3/2) pH 8 with light grains.

structure granular

texture - loamy sand.  
sample 28-3



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*Cordia subcordata* Lam.

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small colony ~~is~~ at seaward edge of grove, others seen elsewhere.

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on bark of *Pisonia*.

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85

on bark of *Pisonia*.

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*Messerschmidia argentea* (L.) Planch.  
at top of beach at edge of *Pisonia* forest, fairly common in forest, especially toward south end.*Scaevola* scrub on south end of island

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*Scaevola frutescens* (Mill.) Kr.  
dominant in.Low forest 3-5 m. tall, principally *Scaevola*, but with occasional much larger *Messerschmidia* trees. No ground cover. Surface scattered with pebbles. Soil profile 29 - dead leavesLayer 1 - 0-0.5' pale brown (10YR-6/3) salt + pepper structure - very loose texture - sand sample 2951  
Layer 2 - very pale brown (10YR-8/3) structure - very

This area about 1 m. or more

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tree 6 m. tall; dry fruits only.

tree 5 m. tall (others up to 15 m.); ~~fls~~ leaves fleshy; flowers white.

small tree; leaves bright green; flowers and fruit white.

0-0.5'  
Layer #1 salt + pepper, averaging pale brown (10YR-6/3) becoming lighter downward structure - very loose texture - sand, some rocks. sample 29-1. gradually changing to  
Layer #2 0.5-2' (rocks become so abundant at 2' as to obstruct digging.) structure - very loose texture - sand with pebbles + cobbles.

below level of coconut grove plantation



coconut grove, just  
inside *Pisonia* grove.

33883 *Canavalia microcarpa* (D.C.) Piper ✓  
common locally

Open ground toward  
east part of island.  
openings covered by *Triumfetta*  
and *Boerhaavia* mats,  
broken by large *Scaevola*  
bushes, some patches of *Lepturus*.

- 89 *Cassytha filiformis* L. ✓  
rare, forming mats,  
parasitic on *Lepturus*
- 90 *Ipomoea tuba* (Schubert) Don ✓  
common in openings and  
on bushes surrounding

This area is of sand,  
apparently blown  
over the top of the  
east coast dune ridge.  
Soil profile #30 -  
Layer 1 - 0 - 0.6' fine sand + pebbles  
darker grains very dark gray brown  
(10YR-3/2), lighter ones pale brown

small areas where phosphate  
cemented rock forms surface.  
must have been sites  
of trees with many  
bird nests before clearing,  
which have lost the  
peat layer. (sample #31, 32)  
vine climbing over  
shrubs and spreading  
over ground; flowers  
pink with very ~~strong~~ pleasant  
fragrance.

This area formerly  
covered by coconuts, as  
rotting trunks and  
some standing dead ones  
common. Small clumps  
of young trees.  
stems green;  
fruit pale green, not  
quite ripe.  
vine trailing on ground;  
flowers white.

(10YR-6/7)  
structure very loose.  
Texture loamy sand  
sample 30-1 changes  
gradually to  
Layer 2 <sup>0.6-1.4'</sup> very pale brown  
(10YR-7/5-3/3). structure very loose.  
texture - sand, changes ~~at~~

sample  
30-2



rather abruptly to  
 Layer 3 1.4-3' (evidently  
 a buried A horizon) very  
 dark gray brown (10YR-3/2)  
 with mixture of variously  
 lighter grains, general  
 effect (10YR-4/2).

structure compact but  
 very crumbly-granular.  
 texture loamy coarse sand  
 texture becoming somewhat  
 coarser, structure looser  
 and color lighter below the  
 top 0.5'. Sample 30-3

Layer 4 - ~~fine~~ 3' - ?

pink (7.5YR-3/4)  
 structure very loose  
 texture coarse sand  
 with some gravel.  
 (hole dug no deeper).

Messerschmidia - laevola  
 forest on east side -  
 thick forest little or no  
 ground cover - filled  
 with dead or living  
 leafless branches & sticks  
 in open places some  
 low growth. Terminalia common.

33891 Terminalia samoensis Rech. f.  
 common, especially in  
 open places.

Dec. 20 - ~~to~~ 10:45 p.m.  
 broken clouds, moderate  
 breeze, light shower  
 in progress  
 wet bulb 25.5°C. dry 25.5°C.

Dec. 21 2:45 p.m.  
 sky mostly cloudy,  
 occasional periods of  
 sunshine, fresh breeze.  
 wet bulb 27.3°C. dry 28°C.

Vial 43 - animals found  
 in <sup>the</sup> leaf-mold in mixed  
 forest on sandy soil.

Vial 44 animals found  
 associated with  
 Messerschmidia. Caterpillars  
 eating leaves & flowers.  
 cocoon on bark (obviously  
 same as caterpillars); small  
 ants in complex galleries  
 in dead stub of large tree.

incl. <sup>smaller</sup> <sup>ants</sup> Remainder on top surface of  
 fallen living tree, in decaying  
 depression filled with dead leaves  
 shrub 1 m. tall (others to  
 3 m.); all seen sterile.



Dec. 21 - Mixed forest on north side of island, on dune sand.

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1 on dead *Messerschmidia* stub.

3 93 *Trentepohlia*

on *Messerschmidia* bark, esp. where exposed to spray-laden winds.

6 94 *Achyranthes velutina* H. & A. ✓  
in undergrowth inside beach ridge

5 95 *Pisonia grandis* R. Br. ✓  
common component inside beach ridge

1 96  
on dead *Messerschmidia* twig.

scrub on s. point of island

9 97 *Guettarda speciosa* L. ✓  
very few plants

5 98 *Pisonia grandis* R. Br. ✓  
dominant in forest on ridge back of beach

2 99 *Cocos nucifera* L. ✓  
planted over most of island

orange-color

where exposed to spray-laden winds.

spreading herb, up to 0.8 m. tall, several m.

across; flowers rose-purple.  
tree 12 m. tall, bark cream-white, leaves light green; flowers green.

shrub 2.5 m. tall, flowers white, fragrant; ripe fruit white, sweet but with bitter after-taste.

tree 12 m. tall, fruiting cymes dry, mostly detached.

young tree, trunk 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> m. tall, leaf 17' long, specimen taken from center, concave side of leaflets down.



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Dec. 22 - 12:15 p.m.

Broken clouds, fresh breeze  
Wet bulb 28°C, dry 30°C

6:10 p.m. clear except for uneven  
high cirro-stratus moderate breeze  
wet bulb 25°C, dry 26.2°C

- 33900 *Pandanus tectorius* Park.  
near house (probably planted)
- 01 *Artocarpus altilis* (Park.) Forst.  
one plant planted near house
- 02 *fungus*  
on base of dead coconut tree
- 03 *Auricularia*  
common under and protruding  
from bark of old standing  
dead coconut trunks.

Vial 50 - snails, isopods, spiders  
on under side of phosphate(?) rock  
in coconut plantation (note single  
different snail - bright orange color)

Vial 45 - orb weavers in  
forest and scrub generally;  
moth in orb weaver's web;  
*Lepisma* and cricket on  
*Messerschmidia* under  
dead bark. Grasshoppers  
caught around lights.

Vial 49 - Thysanoptera (?) inside  
bracts of ♀ *Pandanus tectorius*  
inflorescence.

tree 6 m. tall,  
sapling 2.5 m. tall,  
sterile.

tan-color, friable,  
no definite form.

dull pinkish purple or  
mauve, when young  
and fresh, protruding  
parts dry; crumpled  
appearance natural.

Vial 46 - Caterpillars on  
*Phyllanthus niruri*  
(also seen on *Scaevola*).  
Small insects on *Lepturus*.  
from sweeping.

Vial 47 - on phosphate  
rock in *Pisonia* forest -  
snails, etc. Earwig & beetles on  
rotten *Pandanus* fruit in  
Vial 48 - caterpillars on  
ground in open under  
small trees, flies on decaying *Papaya*  
*Boerhaavia*. 2 larger beetles around light.



Sample #33 - phosphatic rock, from large pieces exposed on surface in coconut grove, in various stages of weathering - some seemingly very hard.

Sample #34 surface scrapings from under dead leaves under ~~large~~ tall *Leaevola* scrub in open area on east side of island.

Sample #35 - screenings from under *Pandanus* tree in coconut grove.

Sample #36 - screenings from under *Pisonia* tree in mixed *Pisonia* - *Messerschmidia* forest on east side of island.

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also on base of large *Pisonia* tree in *Pisonia* grove, on corky cracked bark

5 05 *Pandanus tectorius* Park. in mixed forest along north coast.

5 06 *Pandanus tectorius* var. inner edge of mixed forest, east coast

Sample #37 - drift seeds & fruits from beaches. - *Barringtonia asiatica*, *Mucuna* 2 sp.

All soil and rock samples from Jemo were soaked with sea-water on return to ship.

Vial #52 - orb-weaving spider, both in same web, ~~is~~ between two coconut seedlings. Flies around fallen *Pandanus* fruit, near house. Not numerous enough to be annoying.

greenish black

tree 6 m. tall, fruit still hanging on tree, but dry; flowers surrounded by green-tipped white bracts.

tree 8 m. tall, fruit ripe, yellow at base, edible, sweet, fragrant.



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on ground where water drips from rain barrel

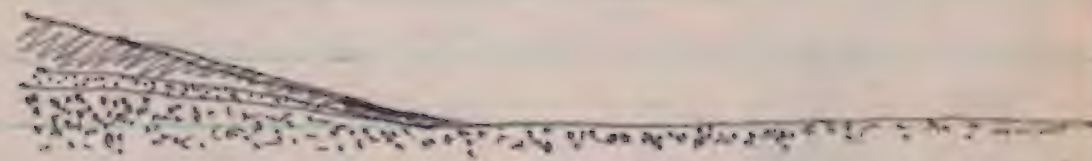
Jemo is egg-shaped, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long (from Pac. Pilot).

The reef flat is narrow, perhaps 50 m. wide, on the west side wider, on the northwest and north, on the ~~east~~ east extending 3 miles or more as a long reef of irregular width, on the south-east about same width as on north-west, on south projecting almost the length of ~~the~~ the island as shoal water (observed from color of water, also from ~~some~~ aerial photo.)

~~Charalaga~~ The long reef extending east shows most peculiar cross-channels on the photograph, possibly a reticulate arrangement of surge channels.

During the time of our visit there was a heavy surf all along the north side of this reef, none at all on the east side.

The island, proper, is almost completely surrounded by a beach-rock or calcareous sandstone, in all places dipping seaward, and where the contact could be seen, resting on, and pinching out on, the reef-rock. One exposure shows a wedge-shaped bed of conglomerate with small water-washed pebbles between the sandstone and the conglomeratic or breccia-like reef-rock. This section was thus:



Only on the south end of the south-east coast does this rock protrude at all above high tide. Here the crest is possibly a foot or two above high tide, with a trough behind



it, toward the ~~atoll~~ island.

The weathering of this rock is apparently a combination of solution and abrasion by the load of pebbles and coral fragments that is washed back and forth by the waves. The resulting pattern is a combination of pits that have become small <sup>(photo)</sup> potholes and channels that have rather rounded bottoms; the sharp edges of normal pitting are in most places worn down by abrasion. Possibly the texture of the rock, a <sup>fine or</sup> hard coarse coral sandstone, may contribute to this effect.

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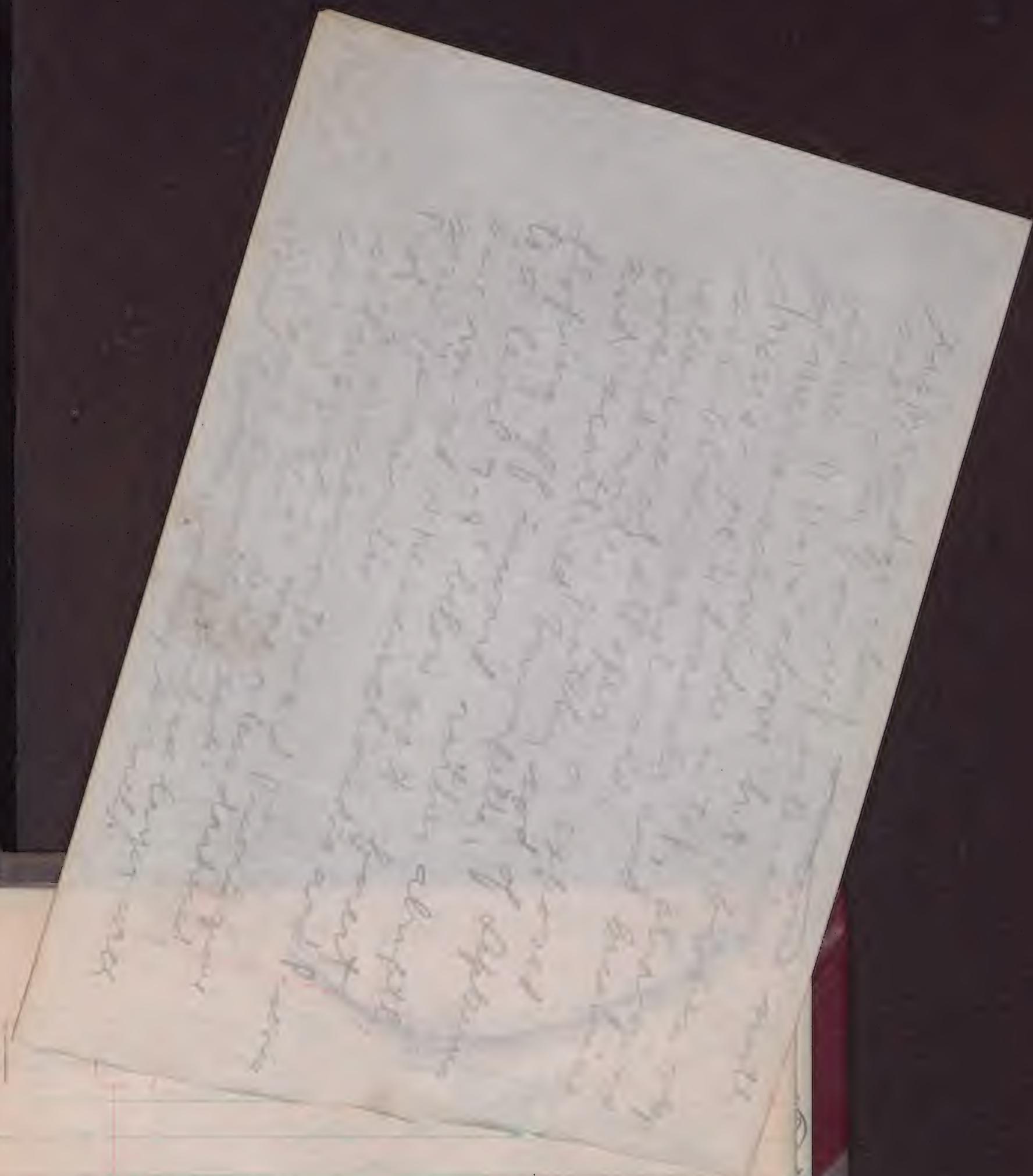




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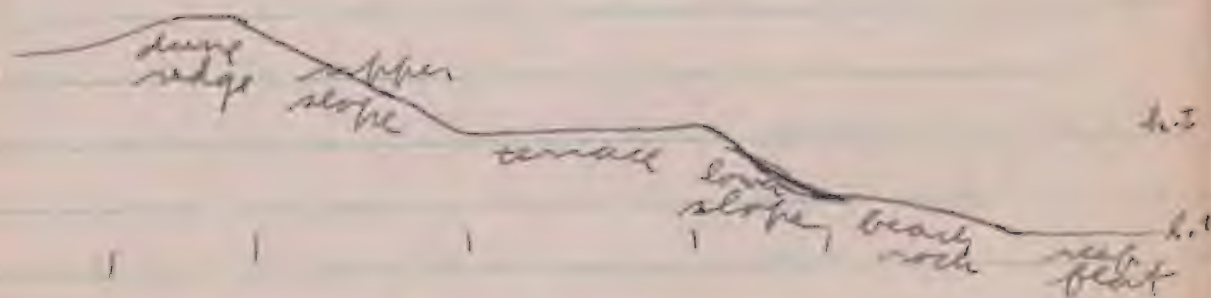
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The beach around most parts of the island, above the beach-rock, is of fine white sand, with a rather steep slope between beach-rock and high-tide mark. At high tide it usually forms a terrace of varying width, widest on the west side. Above this it slopes up to the dune ridge. Roughly this profile: (with variations in width)



Around the south-east point the slope above the beach-rock is a ~~of~~ cobble-beach extending up to the general level of this end of the island, about 2 m. above high tide. No noticeable ridge here, or only a slight one toward north-west end of cobble beach. These cobbles are very much water-worn. ~~Among them~~ On the east beach, slightly north of the middle, is a

light deposit of pebbles and cobbles extending for a short distance on the upper slope of the sand beach. Here were found two cobbles of a black scoria or heavy pumice, very coarse grained but doubtless light enough to ~~float~~ float. Much fine-grained light gray to almost black pumice in the sand here, tiny bits to pebbles the size of a fist.

Around the entire remainder of the island is a low ridge, varying from 4 to 5 m. in elevation above high-tide mark.

On the east and north coasts this ridge is of dune-sand, falling away as much as 7-8' to the flat within. On the west side it is probably fundamentally dune sand, but has been greatly modified (see next p.). On this side it is being very slowly cut away by wind or waves, <sup>(see insert p. 172)</sup> on the windward side it seems



to be building up.

On the ~~south~~ west side this ridge is covered by *Pisonia* forest <sup>60-75' tall,</sup> <sup>growing directly on the beach,</sup> of trees of varying size, up to 4' diameter breast high. The canopy in most places is complete, resulting in no ground cover, except where light comes in from the side. Where light can get in at all there is a luxuriant loose mat of *Lepturus repens*. There are a few *Cordia* trees at the edges of this forest, and toward the ends *Messerschmidia* becomes common, in places as much as 60' tall and 2.5' in diameter. These *Pisonia* trees are the nesting sites of numerous *Sula sula* (bare-footed booby), also roosting places, at least, for *Fregatta minor*, *Nyddies*, and fairy terns. The surface of the ground is in many places much stained by white guano. It is composed of a layer, several inches thick, of peat with a <sup>weathered</sup> strongly acid reaction (pH 6.5 - 4.5).

this is underlain by a cemented layer of coarse sand and fine rubble, the matrix being dark brown, probably phosphate leached from the guano. This is underlain by dark gray or black sandy loam. The phosphatic and loam layers are pH 8. This belt of forest is 30-40 m. wide. Inward from this, to the center of the island, is coconut plantation, very healthy and luxuriant, with a <sup>black loose soil</sup> discontinuous layer of this same phosphatic rock <sup>just below</sup> on the surface, in places concentrated on the surface in low mound-like accumulations. This area probably marks the former extent of the *Pisonia* forest.

This coconut grove has a ground cover of *Lepturus*, thin in rocky places (see above), in these *Fleurya* is common, also *Boerhavia*, <sup>mat of</sup> which occur here and there. Locally *Triumfetta procumbens* dominates, also fair sized areas of



*Digitaria microbachne*, smaller patches of *Cenchrus echinatus* (especially near house) and *Physalis angulata*. There is a ~~first~~ <sup>second</sup> story of seedling coconuts about 1-2 m. tall, in places very dense. Apparently no copra has been made here recently. A discontinuous third story 3-5 m. tall is made up of ~~the~~ *Carica papaya*, with some *Merinda citrifolia* and occasional *Pandanus*. Large patches of this undergrowth are tangled with *Canavalia microcarpa*, forming a loose mat on the ground and covering shrubs and low trees.

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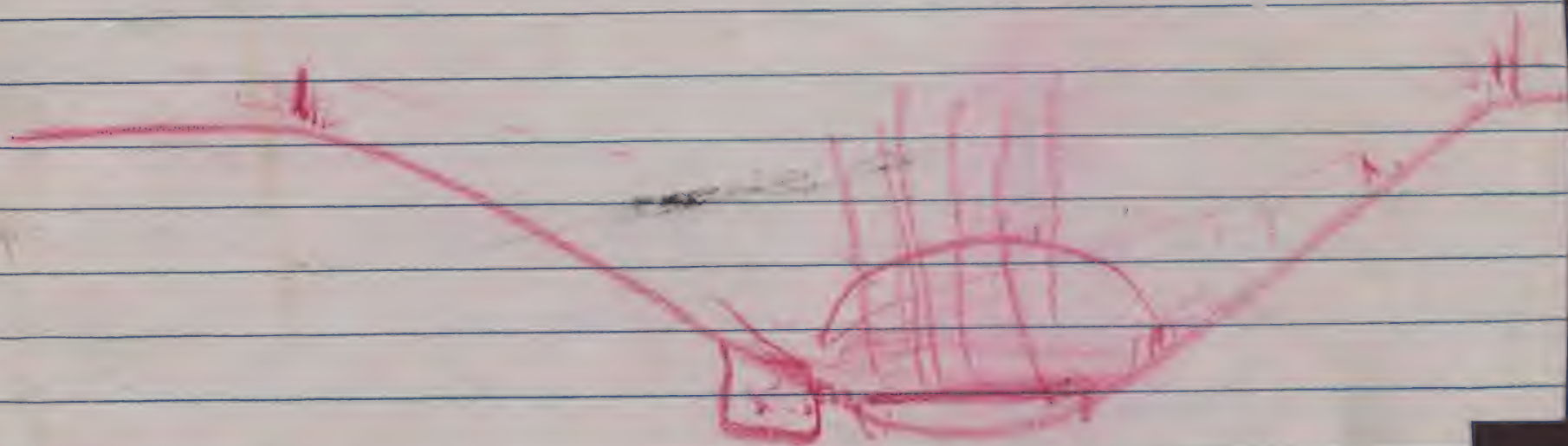


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*Eragrostis amabilis*

$\frac{1}{4}$  way up a ridge

Mangrove in depression.





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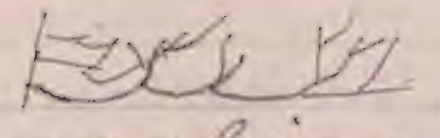
coconut grove, while *Euphorbia prostrata* and *Eleusine indica* (a gigantic form, reaching 4' or more tall) are only found occasionally away from the house in the interior. *Tacca* is common to occasional generally. Around the house *Plumeria rubra*, *Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum*, *Agave sisalana*, *Artocarpus altilis* (one sapling), and *Clerodendrum inerme* are planted.

To the eastward the coconut grove seems to be in much less healthy condition. East of the middle of the island the majority of mature coconut trees are dead, the trunks mostly still standing. Young trees with trunks 3-6 or 10' tall are locally common, often a ring of them ~~standing~~ surrounding a standing dead trunk or marking a fallen one. The ground is mostly covered by a thick mat, knee deep, of



*Triumfetta procumbens*, or, locally, *Boerhavia*. This area is much more extensive than the almost bare area showing in the 1944-45 photos. *Scaevola frutescens* is coming in very vigorously, and locally, especially in the region bare in 1944, there are large, spreading, low-dome-shaped clumps of *Messerschmidia*. Mats of *Boerhavia* are occasional and one of *Cassytha* was seen (mostly parasitic on *Lepturus*). A very definite succession seems to be taking place here. When the old coconuts die, *Lepturus* is left as a ground cover. It is rapidly crowded out by *Triumfetta* which becomes dominant and much more luxuriant than I have seen it elsewhere. Locally mats of *Boerhavia* manage to hold their own. *Scaevola frutescens* is rapidly invading and spreading, forming a scrub of confluent mound-shaped plants, up to 30 cm. or more high. The branching is of a horizontal terminaloid type with long upright

or ascending branches—

 the branches making a dense tangle and the rosettes of leaves forming a complete canopy surface. The *Triumfetta* rapidly thins out, dies and disappears completely, leaving no ground cover at all. Obviously the young coconuts will soon assume general dominance over most of this area. Some of it, especially where bare spots existed in '44-45, has no coconuts, as yet.

The soil in this half of the island is pure fine sand with some humus. It probably blows inward continuously from the windward beach. There are some rather prominent mounds in the open parts toward the east.

The dune ridge to the north of the Pisonis grave, and on around the east side of the island, is covered by a mixed forest of *Messerschmidia*



*Schmidia* and *Pisonia*, the former alone on the outer edges, the latter becoming important inward, and down off the dune ridge for some meters inward on the flat. Where this forest is tall it is open beneath, and where really dense it lacks ground cover and undergrowth. Toward the beach side it becomes tangled with low *Messerschmidia* branches and plants. *Terminalia samoensis*, ~~and~~ *Echynanthus splendens*, and *Scaevola* occur here. On the inner edge of the belt, on the western half, there is a dense belt of young coconut trees, at present 3-4 m. tall, to top of leaves. Eastward this is replaced by dense *Scaevola* scrub with some *Messerschmidia*.

Toward the south *Scaevola* becomes more important in the mixed forest, the belt becomes wider and of lower stature. <sup>The area</sup> within the curve of the cobble-beach ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> covered entirely by a mixed scrub, principally

*Scaevola*, but with many *Messerschmidia* and few *Quettarda* plants. The *Messerschmidia* extend above the level of the scrub. The edge of this tapers off to the top of the cobble beach, where there is some bare sand with *Peperomia* and *Triumfetta*. The outer edges of the mixed forest on the dune ridge, also have *Triumfetta* and an irregular turf of *Peperomia* in open places.

Present  
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This is shown by large trees standing up on stilt like roots, with small ones growing on the beach flat between them, some of the large ones in tipped outward positions, and by protruding and undercut beds of phosphate rock.

In the scrub on the south end, cobbles and boulders are abundant ~~and~~, becoming



less so inward. On the southwest the inner edge of this scrub is marked by a rounded change in level of about 7-8' upward to the coconut grove, the trend being slightly north of east. This seems to disappear inland. Along it, on the coconut grove side, 75 m. or more from the beach, are boulders, including a couple of slabs of beach-rock fully 13 sq. in area and a foot or so thick.

Salt spray was observed to be blowing inward in noticeable amounts from the windward (east) side. Chlorosis was only noted in weeds such as *Euphorbia hirta*, *Phyllanthus niruri*, and *Carica papaya*, and this only around the house in the open clearing, and to a slight extent generally in *Physalis*, also slightly in *Cleodendrum*.

Some chickens exist on the island, their scratching being quite evident. They are not many. No rats or evidence of rats were seen. Skinks are common, especially around the house, but no other lizards were seen. Birds noted were

Red footed booby - nesting in numbers

Brown booby - one seen flying, for certain.

Frigate birds (*Fregatta minor*) - at least 15 seen flying at once.

Fairy tern - quite common.

Common noddy - quite common

White crowned noddy - several seen but identity not absolutely certain.

Golden plover - one seen positively, one doubtfully (at a different time, may have been same one)

What looked like two owl pellets were being chewed on by hermit crabs.



Turtles apparently visit the island at low tide when the moon is practically full. Tracks of at least 23 individuals were found, comparatively fresh, leading directly up across the beach to the edge of the vegetation, usually ending in a hole several feet across, either at the edge of or inside the vegetation, scooped in the sand.

The one turtle found was caught at 2 a.m., tide very low, moon bright. It was a powerful animal, dragging itself across the rough rocks quite rapidly, heading back toward the sea. When turned over it struggled for a little, then calmed down, emitting a sighing "ahik" sound and tears running from its eyes (my companion's observation). Next morning it was lying quietly but struggled violently when disturbed. After being photographed, it was

released and lost little time in reaching deep water. It was mottled dark olive drab above, yellowish below. Its mouth was hard triangular beak with sharp jagged edges. It did not attempt at any time to bite. Its front flippers were long and broadly sword shaped, the hind ones short and broadly spatulate, tail short, triangular.

Digging for eggs in a number of fresh holes was completely unsuccessful. Always undisturbed roots were found a little below the bottom of the hole. The eggs were finally found, in a small hole, about 2' deep and a foot or less in diameter, under the broad pile of sand thrown out of the large hole. There were 106 of them, closely packed. They were round, white, about the size of



golf balls, with smooth, dull surface, a translucent spot on one side where the yolk rested. The shells ~~was~~ ~~were~~ were only slightly calcified denting on contact with other eggs or with fingers. The whites were completely non-viscous and did not coagulate on cooking. The yolks were yellow and soft. When cooked <sup>unmashed</sup> they resembled a cheese omelette or a over-cooked welsh rabbit in both taste and consistency.

The ground and the *Lepturus* turf at the edges of the forest were considerably disturbed by the holes dug by the turtles.

Other than birds, crabs are the most evident animals. The burrows of the common purple land crab are found all over the island. The crabs are seldom seen during the day. Burrows of the broad flat gray or olive shore crab are common above high tide

mark and ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> the edges of the forest. The common colored shore crab forages above high tide mark. Two species of hermit crabs are very common inland. The whitish one with purple bands across ~~its~~ its legs is commonest. It seems to forage principally on the ground, and a group of them will be found around anything even possibly edible. The larger red species, usually inhabiting Turbo shells, while sharing the habits and diet of its neighbor, also climbs ~~on~~ shrubs at least to a height of 2 m. It was often seen in bushes but it was not evident what it was after. A favorite food for both kinds seems to be Pandanus fruits, the pulp of which is eaten soon after the fruit falls.



Insects are quite evident, but not very abundant. The common atoll butterfly (*Hypolimnas bolinae*?) is common, in two color phases. The speckled day-flying moth ~~to be~~ is very common in openings. Smaller moths are commonly scared up when walking through openings, also attracted to light! Three large flies are common around the house, including the common housefly. At least one species of *Drosophila* is found around overripe papayas and Pandanus fruits. Small beetles (*Nitidulidae*?) are found also here. They range from tiny light brown to larger brown and much larger black individuals.

A fair-sized weevil is found on *Scaevola*, eating holes in the leaves, also (or a similar one) on the male flowers of *Carica*.

A green lepidopterous larva eats *Pisonia* leaves,

in places giving the trees a ragged appearance. Another, resembling a cut-worm, is found here and there on several plants. Still another, a hairy black one, eats leaves and flowers of *Messerschmidia*.

At least 4 species of ants are common - a large black stinging one with great mandibles, living in cavities around bases of *Pisonia* trees, foraging generally; the "crazy ant" living in burrows in the ground; a tiny brown one in galleries in dead stubs of *Messerschmidia*; and a small blackish sluggish one found under stones, logs, etc. in burrows.

At least two *Hemiptera* and ~~one~~ <sup>two</sup> leaf hoppers are common on *Lepturus*.

An elaterid was found, but not caught, in a hollow dead twig. Another commonly came to lights. Two coccinellids were



occasional on leucocarpus leaves.

*A. thurberii* in  
P. pandanus  
infructus.  
A lepidopterous (?) larva which builds cylindrical paper-like cases up to 7-8 mm. long is very common on dead coconut leaves, bark of trees, etc.

A very active earthworm is occasionally found in humus, even on top of logs, also seen in soil in coconut plantation.

Orb-weaving spiders of perhaps two species are very common, spinning webs between bushes, coconut seedlings, etc. How they all get enough to eat is hard to see. Several other spiders inhabit crannies in the ground or rocks, including a couple of species of hunting spiders.

At least 5, possibly 6, species of true land snails are ~~common~~ found in the humus layer at the soil surface. The pupillid is found in numbers on rocks in Pisonia forest and mixed forest. The tornatellid on decaying twigs, etc. The

elongate yellowish one in humus and on rocks. The spirally striate one in humus. The elongate orange one, one individual only, found, under a stone.

Two species of operculate littoral snails are found on rocks, logs, etc. above high tide.

At least two mites and one millipede found in humus.

Humus inhabiting  
isopods very  
abundant.

The weather was variable during the visit, from clear and almost cloudless to completely cloudy and rainy, sometimes scattered showers, wind from gentle to stiff breeze, temperature from 29.5° to 30° C.



Ecological processes seen  
or inferred on Jerns Island.

A Basic, pre-colonization processes  
(but continuing after colonization).

1 Rise in sea-level after glacial  
period, possibly drowning  
all land life, permitting  
~~the~~ reef surface to reach  
a high uniform level  
during post-glacial  
xerothermic period.

2. Possible emergence of  
land by bar-formation.

3 Fall of sea-level after  
post-glacial xerothermic  
period.

4 Climate becomes more humid  
after post-glacial xerothermic  
period.

5 Emergence of <sup>reef surface</sup> ~~land~~ resulting  
from fall in sea level.

(1-5) Completely inferred from knowledge  
gained elsewhere.

6 Building, destruction, and  
change of land surfaces  
by typhoons, storm waves,  
tsunamis, etc. (Inferred from evidence <sup>seen</sup> on this

and other atolls).

7 Cementation of "beach-  
rock" and "reef-rock".  
(Process, time, situation unknown;  
process inferred only from  
existence of these rocks).

8 Addition of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  from  
various marine sources  
as sand blown up from  
beaches, gravel, pebbles,  
cobbles, boulders thrown  
up by storm waves.  
(Sand blowing seen, rest  
inferred from presence of  
material in places of  
deposition).

9 Accumulation of body  
of brackish or fresh  
ground water resulting  
from excess of rain  
accumulation over diffusion  
and mixing processes.  
(Inferred from existence  
on other islands and from  
existence of moist soil here).

10 ~~Diff~~ Salt accretion ~~to~~  
from spray blown inland.

11 Diffusion inward of salt  
water from periphery and



from below, aided by tidal mixing action. (inferred).

- 12 Washing outward and downward of salt by rain water.
- 13 Solution of small amounts of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  by rain-water. (inferred)
- 14 Removal of dissolved  $\text{CaCO}_3$  by diffusion and tidal action. (inferred)
- 15 Fluctuation of salinity with wet and dry seasons. (inferred).
- 16 Desiccation by evaporation, accelerated by sun's heat and by wind.

B Colonization processes.  
(mostly inferred)

- 17 Visits by sea-birds and shore birds.
- 18 Colonization by crabs from free-swimming pelagic larvae.
- 19 Boerhavia, ~~Likiepia~~<sup>possibly Lepturus</sup>, and possibly *Triumfetta* brought by birds, established as

pioneer plant species.

- 20 *Scaevola*, *Messerschmidia*, *Terminalia*, *Cordia*, *Ipomoea tuba*, *Pandanus*, and *Quettarda* seeds arriving in ocean drift, become established as pioneer species.
- 21 Spores of blue-green algae, possibly seeds of *Lepturus*, arrived by wind, become established as pioneer species.
- 22 Introduction, principally by wind, of insects, land snails, ~~and~~ land arthropods of various sorts.
- 23 Introduction, by wind, of soil bacteria and soil fungi.
- 24 Limitation of establishment of species by salinity.
- 25 Limitation of establishment of species by lack of proper habitats.



- 26 Introduction and establishment of non-pioneer species as more mesophytic habitats develop.
- 27 Introduction of parasitic and predaceous species, as well as saprophytic and saprophagous species after establishment of proper hosts, prey, or sources of organic matter.
- 28 Production of more mesophytic habitats by action of plants established.
- C Successional processes.  
(inferred from observation of stages in processes)  
(all processes in B also properly belong here)
- 29 Destruction of vegetation by storms, etc. (inferred)  
Successions observed:
- 30 *Lepturus* and *Triumfetta* on beach to *Messerschmidia* forest to mixed *Messerschmidia* and *Pisonia*, to *Pisonia*.
- 31 *Lepturus* and *Triumfetta* on beach to *Scaevola* scrub of *Scaevola* - *Messerschmidia* scrub

- to low forest of same, possibly to mixed forest.
- D Normal continuing processes.  
(here belong also #2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, some of these, as 8, 13, 16, 22, ~~24~~, 26, 27 may be accelerated as total process progresses, some, as 6, 19, 20, 24, 25, may be decelerated.)
- 32 Carbon cycle.
- 33 Nitrogen cycle.
- 34 Production of root, leaf, trunk, and twig organic matter by plants.
- 35 Breaking down of this organic matter into humus by bacteria, fungi, insects, crabs, isopods, snails and other plant eating organisms, both those that eat living and dead plant tissues.
- 36 Production of animal organic matter by all animals. (CP 1951)



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- 37 Predation of soil fauna by crabs, spiders, etc.
- 38 Predation of insects by lizards, spiders, crabs(?) etc.
- 39 Deposition of excrement by purely land-dwelling animals.
- 40 Addition of phosphatic and nitrogenous matter brought from sea by birds in form of guano, feathers, bodies, etc.
- 41 Leaching out of these same materials by rain water (inferred).
- 42 Cementation of calcareous material by phosphatic cement in forests used as rookeries and roosting places by sea-birds.
- 43 Catching of sand blown from beaches, by vegetation, resulting in formation of dune ridges around periphery of island. (p. 199)



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- 44 Slow undercutting of west<sup>erly</sup> peripheral ridge, apparently by storm waves.
- 45 Mixing of humic and other layers of soil by burrowing of crabs and digging of turtles.
- 46 Enrichment of soil by floating pumice.
- E Processes following and dependent upon human activity. (Other processes, of course, continue).
- 47 Reduction of numbers of turtles by hunting. (Cherrey)
- 48 Reduction of numbers of birds by disturbance and hunting, and egg-hunting. (inferred.)
- 49 Replacement of greater part of vegetation by coconut plantation.
- 50 Removal of phosphatic, nitrogenous and carbonaceous material in copra. (inferred but quite certain).
- 51 ~~Death of~~ Introduction of weeds and cultivated plants, and establishment of some of them.



















